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Back me or sack me, defiant Mates tells Major

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

A DEFIANT Michael Mates insisted yesterday that he had the full confidence of the prime minister and would not resign from the government as the controversy over Asil Nadir's links with the Conservative party exploded in a barrage of cross-party recrimination.

MPs were told yesterday that Mr Mates was rumoured to have dined with Mr Nadir only three days before the Polly Peck chief fled the country, but the Northern Ireland minister remained adamant that he had done nothing wrong. He delivered what was virtually a "back me or sack me" message to the prime minister as John Major said he had not shifted his stance since saying earlier this month that Mr Mates was not guilty of a "hanging offence".

The rumour about Mr Mates's dinner date on the Saturday before Mr Nadir's flight was reported to the Commons by Doug Hoyle, Labour MP for Warrington, North, during a special debate on the financing of political parties that had seen Labour claim that the Conservatives were surrounded by an "atmosphere of sleaze and an odour of corruption". The Tories hit back by accusing the Opposition of using the funding controversy as a smokescreen for its attempts to get the taxpayer to bail out its bankrupt party.

The exchanges between Margaret Beckett, Labour's deputy leader, and David Hunt, the employment secretary, came after Mr Major angrily dismissed as "absolute fantasy" a report in *The Guardian* alleging that the Conservatives received £7 million from the Saudi Arabian government just before the 1992 general election. The story was flatly denied by Prince Bandar Bin Sultan, the Saudi ambassador in Washington, who was named in the report as having met a cabinet minister to discuss the state of Tory finances.

Tony Newton, the Commons leader, told delighted MPs that the Saudi prince had said that all the allegations were untrue and without foundation. The meeting had not taken place and the prince was taking legal advice about obtaining a full retraction. Peter Preston, editor of *The Guardian*, meanwhile said that he stood by his story.

Amid repeated calls for order from the Speaker, Mr Newton ignored John Smith's questions about overseas sources of Tory funds and taunted him over Labour's trade union links. In a bitter foretaste of the rancorous debate to come on the funding of political parties, Mr Newton told the Labour leader: "Frankly, your dealings with the trade unions make Jurassic Park look like a tea party."

In the debate itself, Mrs Beckett defended her party's open links with the unions, and accused the government of being unable to tell the difference between the country's interests and its own. "This is a shabby government, a deceitful government, a government unworthy of the trust of the British people," she declared. There had been a remarkable coincidence between the placement of honours by the government and donations to the Tory party.

But Mr Hunt branded her allegations as "shabby, irresponsible, miserable and wretched". Labour just wanted "to get its paws on the public purse" through state funding of political parties.

As the recriminations flew, however, the Westminster spotlight again turned to Mr Mates after he virtually told the prime minister to "back me or sack me." Most Tory MPs had expected the day to end with the prime minister flying back from the EC summit in Copenhagen to receive the minister's resignation. They judged his position untenable after the disclosure that he had borrowed a car from Mr Nadir's public relations adviser, having told the prime minister that he had no "financial involvement" with the fugitive tycoon or his associates.

But Mr Mates insisted on a visit to Newry, Co Down, that he had done "nothing wrong" and that the full facts of the Nadir affair had yet to come out. "I am here to do my job as the minister of state, responsible under the secretary of state," he

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Kohl retreats to patch EC Bosnia policy

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER AND GEORGE BROCK IN COPENHAGEN

■ The united EC front against arming Bosnian Muslims is fraying. John Major and President Mitterrand are starting to talk about lifting the embargo

THE European Community strove yesterday to patch up its battered policy over Bosnia-Herzegovina with an offer of troops and cash to protect "safe havens" after Germany's Chancellor Kohl failed to persuade his fellow leaders to end the ban on arming the Muslims.

Herr Kohl's call for the embargo to be lifted had split the two-day EC summit at Copenhagen, provoking fierce debate both at dinner on Monday night and during the formal discussions yesterday. In the end, the German leader backed down, but he insisted as the summit ended: "We have a moral duty to help the weakest to defend themselves", and there were indications last night that Europe may soon have to reconsider its approach.

Several governments have shifted their stance under the weight of pressure from America and Germany, and while Chancellor Kohl admitted yesterday that he was in a minority of one on the issue, he pointedly added: "for the present time".

President Mitterrand of France made clear that he opposed lifting the embargo, but felt that Europe would be obliged to do so if it could not defend the Muslims through the safe havens. "For the moment, let's make safe havens work," he said. "If that were to fail, then obviously it would be impossible to say to the Bosnian Muslims that they were not allowed to defend themselves."

Even John Major, who spoke passionately against ending the ban both inside and outside the summit meeting yesterday, admitted that it was an option that would have to be considered if efforts at negotiation failed. The prime minister gave a warning that lifting the embargo was a counsel of despair that would lead to an even bloodier war, and at his end-of-summit news conference, he made a point of underlining that the leaders had not changed policy and had reaffirmed their confidence in the peace efforts being led by Lord Owen.

A precipitate end to the embargo would pour more arms into an area torn by warfare, increase the bloodshed, increase the risk of the conflict spreading and a new Balkan war and end the humanitarian relief effort.

In the end, the final communiqué made no direct mention of the embargo, but it pledged troops and money for a scheme to protect six Serb-besieged Muslim areas, describing it as an "indispensable contribution" to an overall settlement of the conflict. It added: "Sanctions will remain in place and will be tightened until conditions for their lifting set by the UN and EC have been met."

Poul Rasmussen, the Danish prime minister who chaired the summit, said he expected commitments within days not weeks, and M Mitterrand said: "Any delay would mean that we would arrive too late. Let us defend them, let us do what we must."

The Dutch prime minister, Ruud Lubbers, said his country was prepared to offer troops, but it was not immediately clear where the others would come from; Germany cannot contribute because of constitutional constraints. Greece wants nothing to do with military operations in the Balkans, and many other European allies are unwilling to commit more forces. Britain, France, Spain, Denmark and Belgium have already contributed many of the troops serving with the UN in the former Yugoslavia and Mr Major said yesterday that he would send no more.

Mr Major was in an upbeat mood at the end of a summit that made progress on one of his cherished aims — the enlargement of the Community to include Austria, three Scandinavian countries and six former communist states in eastern Europe. A target date of January 1, 1995, was set for the entry of Austria, Sweden, Norway and Finland.

But Mr Major appeared to derive most satisfaction from the debate on the economy, which he felt had shown the EC developing a new realism over measures to counter unemployment and improve competitiveness. In a significant victory over Jacques Delors, Mr Major succeeded in deleting from the final communiqué a reference to the need to uphold social protection legislation.

He claimed to have received strong support for his argument that the cost of jobs had to be held down to help those without jobs, adding: "It was for that reason that I have argued against muddle-headed meddling."

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Wimbledon spectator ejected after Graf match outburst

IAN STEWART

Pressure on court: Steffi Graf, disturbed by outbursts during her match against Kirrily Sharpe at Wimbledon yesterday, leaving to complain to the umpire, after which a spectator was escorted from the centre court. A man is seen being questioned by police later. Report, page 3. Sport, pages 46 and 48

Wife rules out politics as Heseltine recovers

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN VENICE

MICHAEL Heseltine may be able to return to Britain today after suffering a heart attack on Monday morning, Italian doctors said yesterday. He will be transferred to hospital as soon as he arrives and his wife, Anne, indicated that he would be out of active politics for some time.

Mrs Heseltine said: "Frankly, his place in the government is not important. I am not looking at his political career but at him getting better. He is going to have to take it easy for a while. It is not up to me, but he is my husband and I love him. He is a sensible man. I don't dictate to him." She denied that his illness was brought on by political pressure.

Doctors at the Venice hospital said that they would review today whether he could go home. Mrs Heseltine said that she was in no hurry for him to be moved.

Professor Giorgio Caturelli said that Mr Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, was still in the intensive care unit but that he had slept peacefully on Monday night. "The investigations carried out yesterday and today are satisfactory. The patient is half sitting in bed, peaceful and relaxed, talking with staff and nurses."

Mrs Heseltine said she understood from the doctors that there was no single cause for the attack. "Stress is an obvious thing. Genes? Well, his father had a heart attack. Being overweight? That doesn't apply to him. He is a healthy eater and he doesn't smoke. He likes a glass of wine but no more than that. I would not call him a drinker."

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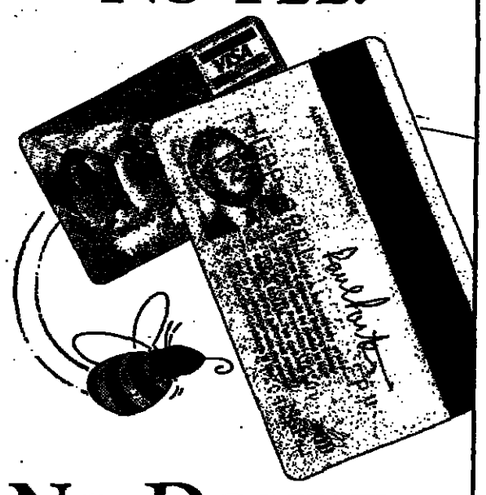

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Small earthquake at Lloyd's, not many drown

Price: arrived atop a penny-farthing

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THERE were beggars, buskers and down-at-heel bums around the Royal Festival Hall in central London yesterday, but they live there. The Lloyd's names, individual investors in the London insurance market whose financial losses have been the subject of much publicity and concern, were only visiting — this time.

Financial ruin is relative, evidently. As Lloyd's names left their annual general meeting, where they had official confirmation that losses for the 1990 year of account were a record £2.9 billion, and therefore £100 million worse than recently predicted, some still felt able to treat themselves to a pint of Pimm's on the terrace overlooking the Thames. No one jumped in the river.

Alan Price, a name who arrived atop a penny-farthing bicycle ("representing my approximate net worth after Lloyd's") issued a statement opining that it was well for the Lloyd's market professionals that they did not work in the Middle East. "If they did, there would be many going round short of a hand today, and some would be minus an arm and a leg."

He added that his time as a former member of the Dangerous Sports Club had been innocuous by comparison with his experiences with Lloyd's, which he now thought should be closed in the interests of public safety.

It was not an option favoured by many others. "I know Lloyd's names are an endangered species, either from natural disasters or from the incursion of corporate capital," said David Phillips, a city financial public relations consultant who became a name in 1985. "But I have no choice but to keep going. I am so near oblivion already that I know the only hope is to trade my way out or lose the lot."

Christopher Hood, a retired farmer from Northamptonshire who was involved in the spiralling losses of the Feltrim syndicate, said: "I am in my fourth year of losses, and the second of very heavy ones. We already know there will be more big losses next year. If the worst comes to the worst, the hardship committee will let us keep our houses, so long as they are not worth more than £150,000, and they will leave us a few thousand a year to live on, but it means heavily reduced circumstances for us and our families."

Other names waving charts, sheets and printouts were anxious to explain to anyone who would listen why the latest Lloyd's plans for financial salvation might be of dubious legality, or were, in their opinion, certainly doomed to failure.

Roger Bradley, a retired underwriter from Surrey, said that the target set out in Lloyd's new business plan, of 10 per cent return on investors' capital, would only have been nominally achieved in four years out of the last 40, and was now "quite impossible".

"I feel," said one name in a straw panama, walking gloomily towards the exit and glowering at a busker, "as if I have been watching England play another ruddy Test match. This is our last stand, and at any moment I feel the fight-back is bound to falter. It is very, very sad, but then that is true of the whole country these days, isn't it?"

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Gummer's pond is not enough to fill a Watergate

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

The appearance on any political occasion of a reference to John Gummer's pond is a sure sign that humbug has entered the debate. At the arrival of Mr Gummer's pond, reason departs. The pond arrived eight minutes into yesterday's Commons debate on the funding of political parties.

Let me refresh your memory. As agriculture minister, Mr Gummer allowed his garden to be used for an exhibition. For that a pond was constructed. The exhibition departed but the pond remained. The minister forgot to declare the pond. It was not exactly another Watergate. Nevertheless the pond was brandished — if we may abuse metaphor — at the dispatch box by an angry Margaret Beckett, deputy leader of the Labour party, yesterday. MPs groaned.

Viciously barracked, she made a hash of her speech, losing her nerve at the outset, when, wearing the expression of St Joan of Arc at the stake, she opened with the declaration, "Britain today is a country in turmoil", and was greeted with prolonged hilarity. There were repeated attacks on United Biscuits. That company seems to occupy a prime slot in the demonology of the left.

Linked with the Potato Marketing Board, it became the subject of a wild-eyed rant by Dale "I smell a rat" Campbell-Savours (Lab, Workington). Campbell-Savours implied that United Biscuits wished to explode the board. Their sinister plan, he thought, had been to buy the influence needed to undermine the price of potatoes. MPs gasped.

To the old rumours about a Labour party supported by "Moscow gold" Mrs Beckett added allegations of a new scandal: the Tory party propped up by Peking duck. A bizarre conspiracy in which the heirs of Chairman Mao had sought to finance the heirs of Chairman Thatcher, at secret luncheons in Hong Kong, was floated. Someone with a name sounding like "Lee Ha Ching" was mentioned. Many supposed this to be Chingford's Norman Tebbit, under an alias. Next, a Saudi prince entered the debate. There were references to Bandar bin somebody-or-other that were strenuously denied by Tory backbenchers, who discovered a sudden and burning passion to protect the honour of the Saudi royal family. The prince was followed by a Greek shipping magnate with a name like "Lassie". Any sense of reality with which the afternoon might have started was fast evaporating. And when David Hunt, employment secretary and rising Tory star, stood up, reality evaporated completely. If he bellowed "integrity" once, he bellowed it a score of times.

The more he spoke of integrity, the faster we counted our spoons. "I just want to say..." has become Hunt's hallmark. Breakfast *chez* Hunt ("I just want to say, Patricia, that the scrambled eggs need a touch more salt...") must be a moving time for both of them.

Hunt's was a shameless, brazen speech, broken only once, and mercifully, by laughter when, meaning to declare that honours are not given in exchange for political donations, Mr Hunt roared, "these honours are awarded to recognise the *enormous* contribution..." — and made the mistake of pausing. After about 16 more references to integrity, he sat down to a great cheer. To adapt something once said of an American senator, the speech was like a rotten mackerel in the moonlight. It shone and stank. Incredibly, the Tories were winning.

Submarine refit contract

Rosyth cuts its Trident bid by half

By Gillian Bowditch and Ross Tieman

ROSYTH Royal Dockyard has halved its bid in a late effort to secure the Trident nuclear submarine refitting contract. The Scottish dockyard, which is fighting Devonport, Plymouth, for the contract, has cut its bid by £70 million.

Allan Smith, managing director of Babcock Thorn, which manages the dockyard, denied that it was a desperate measure. He said the bid was sure to clinch the contract for Rosyth. Devonport's submission is for about £120 million.

The pressure over who will win the contract stepped up yesterday when Jack Dromey, TGWU national secretary, claimed that Downing Street press officers had told journalists at the European Summit in Copenhagen that Devonport would win. The allegation was denied by Downing Street. The defence ministry was presented with the new Rosyth submission last week. A spokesman said: "We are looking at it as we would any document from Babcock Thorn."

DML, which runs the Devonport yard, dismissed the Rosyth bid as implausible and said it smacked of desperation. "Nobody is going to take their proposal seriously at this point."

Mr Smith said his company had been working on the proposal since March. "Far from being a desperation measure, our engineers have come up with a brilliant solution. It combines a massive reduction in costs with a tremendous impact on cash flow. There is huge budgetary pressure on the Ministry of Defence and it is in the national interest that they consider this bid."

The proposal cuts £70 million from the cost of refitting Trident by making use of the emergency docking facility for emptying and refuelling all nuclear submarines, which was recently refurbished at a cost of more than £20 million. The plan involves removing all radioactive fuel from each submarine as early as possible in the refit. The submarines would then be moved to existing docks that would no longer have to be upgraded because no radioactive fuel would be on board.

Mr Smith said: "I am of the view that this will clinch it. It was going our way, it should come our way and, with this recent proposal, it will." He said that the bid met all the necessary safety standards and that the emergency docking facility would still be available at the current notice period of 14 days. He described reports that southern-based MPs planned to protest if Rosyth won the contract as blackmail.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, told the Commons yesterday that a decision on the contract would be made "in the near future". In reply to questions by MPs from the South West and Scotland, he said: "The two companies concerned have over the past six months sent us several refinements of their proposals which have required time to consider. It is very important that the matters are properly addressed. I am very anxious to bring the uncertainty to an end."

Paul Tyler, Liberal Democrat MP for Cornwall North, said: "I was told by a government minister before Christmas that a decision would be made 'in a matter of days, perhaps weeks'. The whole economies of those areas of the South West and Scotland have been waiting for this hide and seek game to end."

SIMON WALKER

Ready for the fray: Sir Norman Fowler, Conservative party chairman, reads through his statement on funding before leaving his home for the Commons yesterday

Major loses temper over funding claim

From Philip Webster in Copenhagen

JOHN Major exploded in anger when he was questioned in Copenhagen yesterday about allegations that the Conservative party received millions of pounds in cash from Saudia Arabia shortly before the last general election.

The claims that £7 million was given after a London meeting between a cabinet minister and Saudis close to the Saudi government and royal family also prompted an angry reaction from Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi ambassador to the United States.

He said in Washington that he intended to sue *The Guardian* for alleging he authorised a £7 million donation. "All the allegations in *The Guardian's* article are untrue and wholly without foundation," a statement said.

Mr Major called for a "little less inuendo and a little more fact" when he became embroiled in an angry exchange with a reporter from *The Guardian*, which ran the story yesterday morning. He denied that the Conservatives had accepted money from foreign governments or royal families. The prime minister dismissed the story as "total fantasy" and challenged anyone with evidence to take it to him.

Mr Major is understood to be furious at the way allegations about donations to the Tory party and speculation about the future of Michael Mates have overshadowed what he regards as important achievements at the European summit.

Yesterday he described the summit centrepiece debate on the economy as one of the most frank and thorough he could remember. He welcomed its realism in placing unemployment and competitiveness at the top of its agenda.

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Mates hints at peril of pushing him out

By Edward Gorman, Ireland correspondent

MICHAEL Mates chose the scene of the IRA's latest bombing in Northern Ireland to strike a note of defiance yesterday, even as the commentators were writing, possibly prematurely, his political obituary.

Standing before the massed ranks of the local media in the wrecked lobby of the Mourne Country Hotel, on the edge of Newry, co. Down, the man at the centre of the controversy over Tory links with Asil Nadir beamed with confidence. After condemning the bombers, he went on to drop dark hints about what might happen if he were pushed out of his job. The full facts about the Nadir affair were still not known, he suggested.

There could be no question of resignation. Why should he when he had done nothing wrong, he said.

The trip to the border town, where almost 60 houses were damaged in the overnight bombing was his idea, according to sources close to him. It might not have occurred to him had his position not been so precarious.

In spite of the fact that it was a fairly minor incident on the Northern Ireland bombing scale, Newry offered Mr Mates the ideal platform to demonstrate to his growing army of critics in London that he is determined to continue with his job. That is exactly what he did, visiting the homes of those who suffered damage, discussing compensation arrangements and sounding off British bulldog style about the IRA.

His condemnation of the IRA from the hotel lobby, where wiring and broken furniture, smashed glass and bits of cars lay about, could easily have been directed at those in his own party attacking him. "What is the point?" he asked. "What are you trying to do? If you think you are trying to defeat the will and the spirit of the people of Northern Ireland and the British government, you are trying in vain."

Imported cigarettes escape warning law

The government cannot prevent the sale of imported cigarette packs carrying smaller health warnings than those on packs produced in Britain, the European Court of Justice ruled yesterday. The ruling means that domestically produced cigarettes, with warnings covering a minimum 6 per cent of their surface area, will continue to be sold alongside imported cigarette packs on which the warnings may be as small as 4 per cent of the surface area.

Three British cigarette companies had challenged the government's interpretation of the EC law in Luxembourg, but the court said the EC rules were to be interpreted as allowing member states to require that warnings on packs made in that country cover at least 6 per cent of the relevant surface area.

Taxidermists fined £12

Two taxidermists were fined £12 each yesterday after an RSPCA prosecution that has so far cost more than £30,000. Alan and Neil Wood of Misterton, Nottinghamshire, are to appeal against their conviction on a total of 86 charges of unlawfully keeping dead wild animals. In the five-day hearing at Retford, 78 other charges were withdrawn and 24 thrown out by Peter Nuttall, the stipendiary magistrate. He ordered each of the brothers, who run a taxidermy business, to pay £300 towards RSPCA costs.

Mother's case fails

Pauline Stewart, the mother of Isa, a ten-year-old boy being taught alone at Westminster School in Handsworth, Birmingham, after allegedly assaulting a teacher, failed in an attempt to win an interim injunction forcing the school to take him back into the classroom. Birmingham Crown Court was told teachers refused to have the boy.

Roman site plundered

Thieves using metal detectors are feared to have destroyed Roman remains at a site near Hoxne, Suffolk. They worked at night taking thousands of pounds worth of coins and jewellery after a retired gardener uncovered a £10 million hoard. Judith Plouvier, a council archaeologist, said yesterday: "They did a massive amount of damage."

M25 robberies appeal

Accomplices whose evidence helped to jail three men for life for violent robberies linked by the M25 were "prime candidates" for being directly involved, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday. Michael Mansfield QC said there was no scientific or identification evidence to link the convicted men with what their trial judge called an "orgy of violence".

'Back me or sack me', Major told

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said. "He (Sir Patrick Mayhew) told you last night that I have his full confidence. The prime minister has said in Copenhagen this morning that I have his full confidence.

"There are some political diversions going on at Westminster, and that is the lot of a politician. But the important job is here. In the end of course this matter is in the hands of the prime minister, but you will have seen his statement this morning."

Mr Mates underlined his determination to soldier on by disclosing that he was taking legal advice over a report in *The Independent* about his correspondence with the Attorney-General about Mr Nadir's case. The newspaper's claims were "completely untrue". He had not based one of his letters on a draft supplied by Mr Nadir and he had not written about the alleged role of MI6 in the case, he said.

Mr Mates's comment that he had the "full confidence" of the prime minister appeared to overstate the prime minister's remarks in Copenhagen as he was again questioned about the minister's future.

Mr Major said: "I set out my position about that some time ago. It has not changed and it won't change if you ask the question three times." This was a reference to the prime minister's answer in the Commons earlier this month when he said that Mr Mates's gift of a watch to Mr Nadir was a "misjudgement, but not a hanging offence."

Some well-placed MPs interpreted Mr Major's remarks as a suggestion that while he would be relieved if Mr Mates's resigned, he would not sack him. Mr Major evidently feels boxed in by his verdict that his minister's earlier indiscretion did not warrant his dismissal from the government.

Sir Marcus Fox, the chairman of the 1922 committee, the body with the power to oust an unwanted minister, said he was "in purdah" but the whips were taking soundings among backbenchers. The 1922 executive is expected to discuss the affair tomorrow.

CORRECTION

A report on June 19 headed "Minister worked with Nadir public relations adviser" referred in passing to an entry in the *PR Consultants Handbook*, relating to Mr Richard Ryder MP, the government chief whip. That entry was incorrect and made without Mr Ryder's knowledge or consent; Mr Ryder has never been a political adviser to Christopher Morgan, Asil Nadir's PR consultant, nor had any commercial relationship with him. Mr Ryder has never had any links with Mr Nadir.

The Islamia school

An article on April 7 discussing issues of women's freedom in the context of religious and family ties, published under the headline "Invisible slaves on our doorstep", was accompanied by a photograph of children at the Islamia school in Brent, London.

We regret that the wording of the caption implied that the children identified may have been, or may in future be, put in the same position as women referred to in the article. The photograph was taken previously as an illustration for an article on the school, and should not have been used later in an inappropriate context.

We are glad to apologise for any misleading impression given.

Informer attacks RUC spymasters

By A Staff Reporter

THE police informer Declan "Beano" Casey yesterday attacked in court his former paymasters in the RUC Special Branch. Casey, a former IRA quartermaster, said he found it a bit bizarre to be facing "trumped-up" charges after five years spying for the Special Branch which set him up in a house in England.

Casey, 38, from Strabane, co. Tyrone, caused a public furore last week with his claims in the *Daily Mirror* that he was allowed to go on killing while working for the RUC. "I regret that I am now being made a scapegoat for the faceless people of the RUC Special Branch," said Casey, who is under an IRA death threat.

Casey's attack on his former police handlers was made at the magistrates court in Belfast where he was charged with possessing two rifles and witholding information about the murder of an ex-UDR soldier, David Pollock in Strabane, in 1990.

Casey has been questioned about his claim that police had been tipped off about several killings but failed to stop them. Ulster Chief constable Sir Hugh Annesley ordered a top-level investigation and denied that murders would be allowed to go ahead to protect highly-placed moles. A chief inspector told the brief remand hearing that when Casey was charged at lunchtime yesterday he replied: "Nothing to say until I see my solicitor".

Casey was remanded in custody to appear at Crumlin Road Court on July 9.

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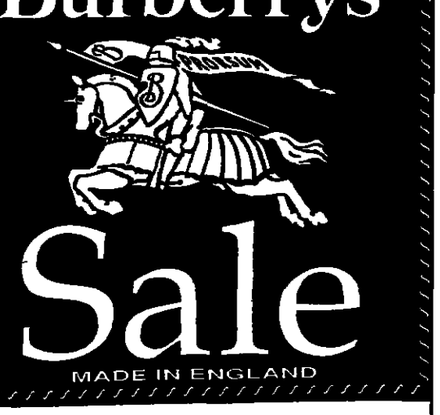
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Ambulance driver who shot girl friend blames stress of job

BY RICHARD DUCE

AN AMBULANCEMAN who bore the emotional scars of attending a dying IRA bomb victim shot dead his girl friend when she threatened to leave him, a court was told yesterday.

Trevor Thomas cradled Danielle Carter, 15, in his arms at the scene of the Baltic Exchange bombing last year. Five months later Thomas, 51, killed Susan Oliver, a nursing director, with one blast through the heart from a sawn-off shotgun at the home they shared in Barking, Essex, the Old Bailey was told.

Thomas covered her body with a duvet, laid flowers on top and later gave himself up to police after a five-hour siege.

Georges Kayat, for the defence, said: "Throughout most of his career he was subjected to pressure and it eventually erupted in this horrendous act. He was the first ambulance driver to arrive at the scene of the atrocity at the Baltic Exchange. Danielle Carter died in his arms as he tried to resuscitate her.

"He could not sleep, needed counselling and worried about it. This coincided with his own world collapsing about his ears."

Thomas denied murder but admitted the manslaughter of Miss Oliver, 37, on the grounds of diminished responsibility on September 13 last year.

Judge Stroyan QC will pass sentence on Friday when psychiatric evidence will be given. "There is no ordinary explanation for this very nasty killing," the judge said.

David Calvert-Smith, for the prosecution, said Thomas had worked as an ambulance driver for more than 20 years and was commended for bravery after the Baltic Exchange bombing. The court was told he had also attended the Cannon Street rail disaster.

By the middle of last year his relationship with Miss Oliver, with whom had lived for ten years after leaving his wife and two children, had broken down and the couple were sleeping in separate beds. Miss Oliver wrote Thomas out of her will in early

Thomas: cradled dying victim in his arms

September. Mr Calvert-Smith said Thomas told a friend that "he had lost everything for someone before and he would kill her before he would let it all go again".

Two days before the shooting both Thomas and Miss Oliver had been to see a marriage guidance counsellor but there was "no sign of the impending storm", Mr Calvert-Smith said. On the night of the killing Miss Oliver was lying on her bed after saying she planned to leave when Thomas walked in, placed a pillow over her chest and fired a single shot, killing her instantly. Miss Oliver was still clutching her car keys.

Thomas telephoned a friend, Bill McLaurin, a retired police chief superintendent, and said: "I have shot Sue. I am going to do myself in." After a five-hour seige Mr McLaurin went into the house and brought Thomas out. He tried to commit suicide while being held at Pentonville prison and was transferred to a secure unit at Hackney, east London, where he tried to hang himself.

Mr Calvert-Smith said three psychiatrists believed Thomas suffered from a depressive illness brought on by work stress.

After yesterday's hearing, neighbours of Thomas and Miss Oliver, who was director of nursing at Fawkham Green Hospital, Kent, said they believed them to have been a perfect couple.

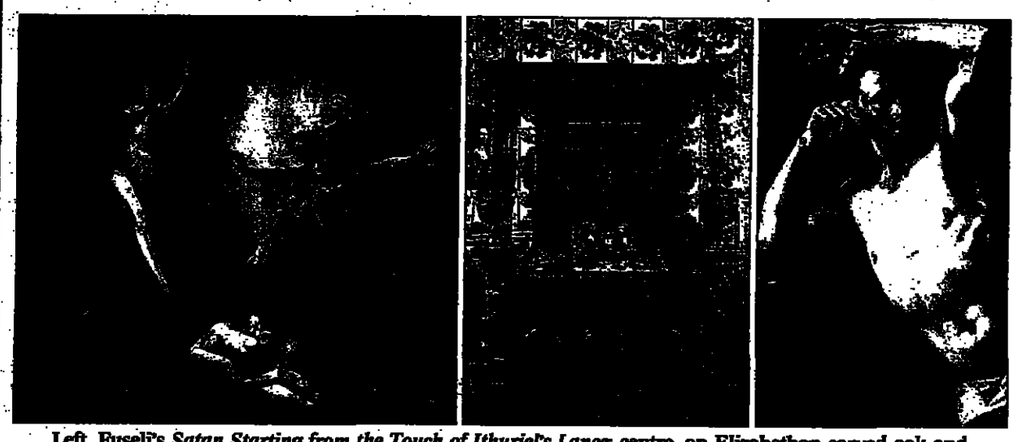
☐ Dr James Thompson, a psychologist and lecturer at University College Medical School, said yesterday that ambulance crews were eight times more likely than police or firemen to suffer stress after attending emergencies.

"This could be due to the repeated nature of the horrific work and possibly the fact that ambulance workers have not worked out as supportive a system as fire services have done," he said.

"Whether someone in trauma can be exonerated from having done a violent thing is another matter. One feature of post trauma seems to be anger and irritability. People lose their ability to be tolerant and cope with things."

DERRY MOORE

Dancer at rest: Nureyev reclining at home amid some of the treasures to be sold at the end of the year



Left, Fuseli's *Satan Starting from the Touch of Ithuriel's Lance*; centre, an Elizabethan carved oak and marquetry tester bed, estimated at $15,000-$20,000; right, Géricault's torso, estimate $100,000-$150,000

Nureyev's treasures given £4m price tag

BY SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

RUDOLF Nureyev's collection of art and antiques went on display in London yesterday prior to their being auctioned at the end of the year. Christie's hopes the sales in London and New York will make £4 million.

There will be more than a thousand items, including a brilliant-cut diamond pin in the shape of an R, a 14-carat gold fountain pen engraved with the dancer's name and costumes worn in many of his renowned performances.

Charles Allsopp, chairman of Christie's Europe, says the collection shows impeccable taste and was formed "for love rather than investment" over 30 years. Many of the highlights were bought during the art market boom of the eighties when Nureyev went on buying binges. The feeling in the trade is that they might fetch less than he paid for them.

Taken from his eight homes in America, France and the Caribbean after his death from Aids last January, the collection is being sold on behalf of the Nureyev's Ballet Promotion Foundation in Liechtenstein, which funds travel and medical services for dancers, and the Rudolf Nureyev Dance Foundation in the United States, which was established to promote classical dance. The dancer apparently made all the arrangements for the sale before his death.

Highlights include Fuseli's *Satan Starting from the Touch of Ithuriel's Lance*, a powerful, if camp, image inspired by John Milton's *Paradise Lost*. It was bought by Nureyev at Sotheby's in 1988 for $1.16 million and is destined for the New York sale with an estimate of $500,000-$700,000. A Joshua Reynolds portrait of a posturing Lord de Ferrars was bought by Nureyev at Christie's in 1986 for $386,000 and is estimated at $400,000-$600,000.

A well-endowed first century Roman marble male torso is estimated at up to $500,000 and there are two paintings of men by Théodore Géricault, the 19th century French artist.

Gateway fined over pasta claim

THE supermarket chain Gateway was convicted yesterday of selling Italian pasta said to contain 100 per cent durum wheat but containing up to 17 per cent of cheap wheat.

Magistrates at Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, imposed fines of £1,000 for each of two charges of incorrectly describing its own-brand pasta and ordered it to pay prosecution costs of £7,931 plus a government chemist's fee.

During the two-day trial lawyers for Gateway, which has 630 stores nationwide, argued that the adulteration had occurred outside their control at a factory in Italy. The firm said it had done everything possible to ensure its Bella pasta products lived up to the 100 per cent durum wheat claim on the packaging.

A Gloucestershire trading standards officer, John Brain, bought packets of Bella pasta from the Tewkesbury branch in February. Analysis showed that Bella quills and Bella bows contained 10 per cent common or soft wheat. Further tests by the government chemist revealed adulteration to be as high as 17 per cent.

Barry Berlin, for the prosecution, told the court the adulteration was not accidental. Durum wheat was much dearer than the common variety.

Stephen Ridge, in charge of quality control at Gateway, said the company had been satisfied with checks made by the importers and had believed it was buying pasta made from pure durum wheat. There were also Italian government checks and controls.

Judith Kelly, for Gateway, said the company had now set up a £500,000 food technology department to ensure all products were safe and legal. "The company is as much a victim of error or malpractice as the consumer in this case," she said. "They will be re-assessing their practices in the light of the court's decision."

Graf's shouting persecutor thrown out of centre court

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A GERMAN spectator was ejected from the Wimbledon tennis championships yesterday after he started shouting at Steffi Graf on the centre court, accusing her of causing the stabbing of Monica Seles ten weeks ago.

The same man launched a similar courtside outburst against Miss Graf at the French Open last month.

Yesterday, he repeatedly shouted at the top-seeded German before she complained to the umpire, Jane Tabor, who asked him to be quiet. He was later escorted from the court by security guards, interviewed by police and released without charge.

On April 30 in Hamburg, a fanatical supporter of Miss Graf stabbed Miss Seles in the back so seriously on court that she had to miss both Paris and Wimbledon.

The incident has led to the tightest security in the 107-year history of the Wimbledon championships. The unnamed German from Frankfurt still managed to get a seat in the front row behind where Miss Graf was sitting between games.

According to German photographers, he referred to the Seles affair, shouting at Miss Graf, "You are responsible for everything", and accusing her of feigning a damaged ankle which nearly caused her to miss the championships. She said: "My god, not him again."

The interruption hardly disturbed her concentration, for Miss Graf took 38 minutes to defeat Kirrily Sharpe of Australia 6-0, 6-0.

Before the match, Miss Graf had not seemed bothered by any security worries, wandering around the courts wearing an Elton John tee-shirt and appearing completely relaxed. Although officials had turned the players' chairs at 90-degrees to the crowd, Miss Graf moved her's back to the customary position, facing away from the crowd.

Afterwards, she said: "There was a guy in the crowd who happened to be in Paris too. He has been disturbing me a little bit." She confirmed that she asked the umpire to tell him to be quiet.

The man ran out of the court at the end of Miss Graf's victory but returned for the first five games of the following match involving another German, Boris Becker. He was asked to leave because of "concerns" about similar incidents in previous tennis tournaments around the world.

☐ Steffi Graf has probably suffered more unwanted attention than any of her rivals (John Young writes). Jim Levee, a wealthy American publisher, pursued her for six years, lavishing two Porsches worth £70,000 on her, together with jewellery valued at £160,000.

After it all ended in a punch-up with Miss Graf's father, Peter, at the French Open in 1991, Mr Levee switched his attentions to Miss Seles, sending her roses every day.

Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina, was pursued by a wealthy middle-aged man who followed her wherever she was playing, and by another admirer who tried to present her with a Mercedes car. The British player, Sue Barker, was similarly persecuted by a man who made a point of sitting in a prominent position at all her matches.

In most cases the "fans" are nothing more sinister than wealthy, middle-aged men who appear to have developed an obsession with young, talented and attractive women whose fame endows them with glamour.

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Sams 'knew killer of prostitute'

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE kidnapper Michael Sams considered holding a millionaire's daughter to ransom before seizing the estate agent Stephanie Slater, a jury was told yesterday.

During police interviews after his arrest, Sams admitted having discussed with a man called Metcalfe, about 15 years ago, how to commit the "perfect kidnap". Nottingham Crown Court was told. The plan, which was not carried out, would have involved chaining up the wealthy victim.

Sams, 51, of Sutton on Trent, Nottinghamshire, has admitted kidnapping Miss Slater, unlawfully imprisoning her and demanding £175,000 with menaces from her then employer. He denies kidnapping and murdering Julie Dart, a teenage prostitute, twice demanding £140,000 with menaces from police, and demanding £200,000 with menaces from British Rail.

The jury was told that during extensive interviews with police, Sams claimed to know the identity of the man who killed Miss Dart and blackmailed BR. But he refused to disclose his name.

Sams allegedly told police: "I am not prepared to tell you who he is. All I will say is that I would not have killed anybody. No way would I have threatened to derail a passenger train with hundreds of people on it. That is sheer lunacy."

The trial continues today.

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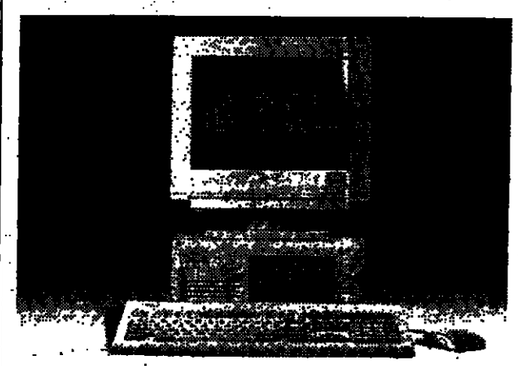

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Hustler jailed for £10,000 pool-hall sting

A POOL-HALL hustler was jailed for five years yesterday after winning £10,000 from a millionaire's son in an afternoon's play. When his victim would not pay, Gary Smolinsky tried to blackmail the man's parents.

Cardiff Crown Court was told that Mark Kaminsky, 30, fell victim to a classic "sting". Smolinsky, 39, a commodity broker, allowed Mr Kaminsky to win their early games, then offered a £20 bet on the next. As Mr Kaminsky began losing, Smolinsky offered him bets of double or quits.

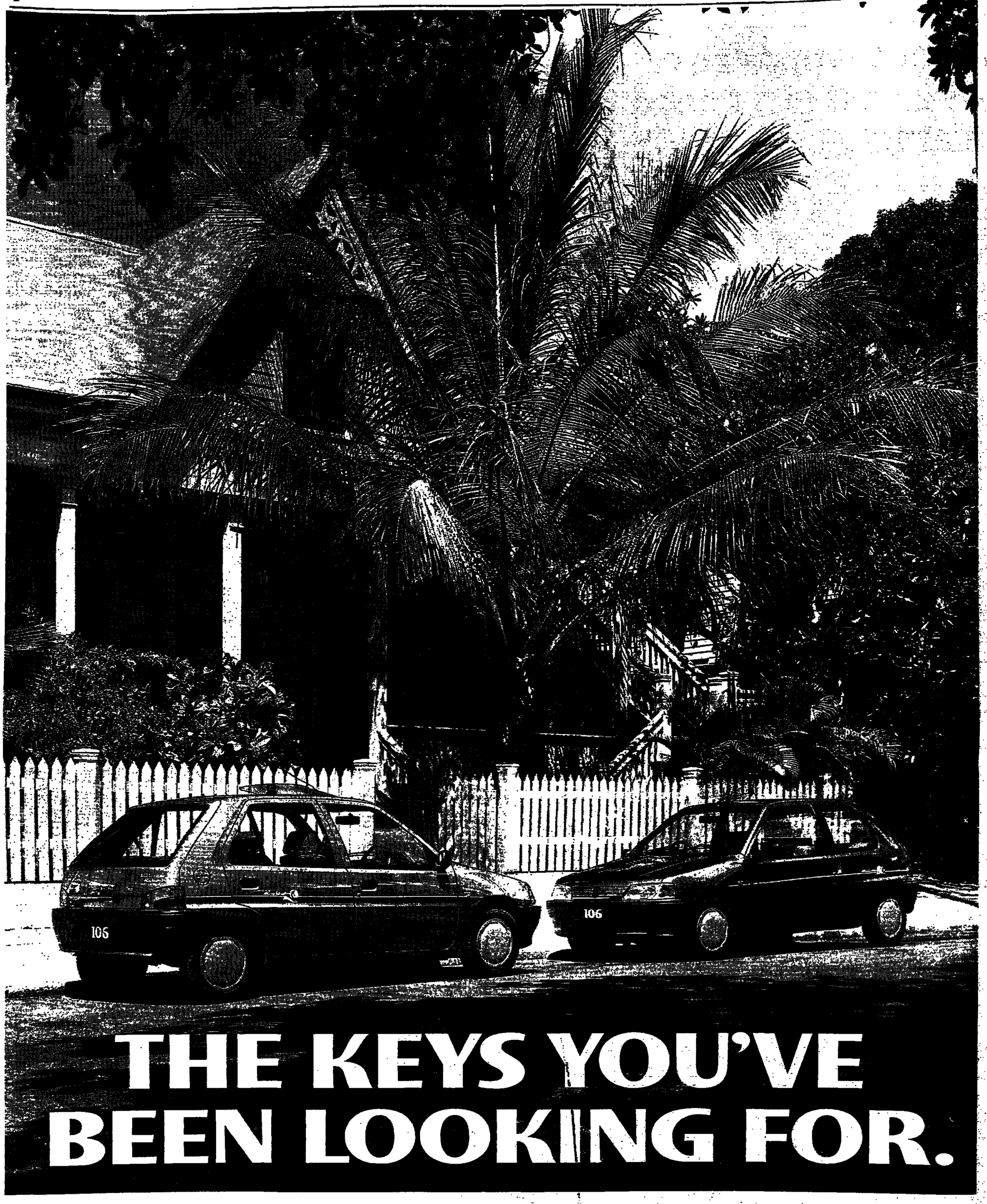
Keith Thomas, for the prosecution, said: "In the true tradition of the pool hall hustler, Smolinsky went on to win over and over again." At one stage, he offered to play with only one arm. Smolinsky and his accomplice, Colin Rees, 44, later drove Mr Kaminsky home.

Mr Kaminsky told the court: "At the end of every game he put the balls back on the table before I had the chance to think. He was winning every game. When the total reached £1,280, I started to sweat and panic. I thought, 'What have I got myself into?'"

The court was told that Mr Kaminsky went into hiding but Smolinsky and Rees found him and kidnapped him. They beat him, threatened to break his legs and tried to burn him with a cigarette before forcing him to ring his parents in Tenerife, who agreed to forward £10,000. His family, who had retired to the island after selling a group of hotels, tipped off police and Smolinsky and Rees were arrested when they went to collect the cash from a bank. The accused, both from Cardiff, were found guilty of blackmail but were cleared of kidnapping.

Smolinsky told the court: "He always wanted to play double or quits and gave the impression he had plenty of money. I wanted to stop when we got to £5,000 but he wanted to go on. He was the one who was keen to play."

Judge Morton said: "It was a planned crime and blackmail is always nasty."



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Supermarket prices hit smaller garages

Cheap petrol could cost 22,000 jobs

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

A PETROL price war could cost more than 22,000 jobs in three years as hundreds of garages go out of business. Petrol companies are being forced to cut profits, with the result that Britain's 24 million motorists pay lower pump prices than in any other of the European Community's major industrial nations.

Figures published yesterday by the Automobile Association show that a gallon of unleaded petrol at a British garage averages 50.6p a litre (230p a gallon) — cheaper than anywhere in the EC, except for Luxembourg. The cost of such cheap fuel could be the loss of almost 4,500 forecourts from the current 18,000, as garages unable to keep up with increasing competition from out-of-town superstores and the biggest retailers are driven out of business.

The Petrol Retailers' Association said yesterday that superstores such as Tesco and Sainsbury, which sell petrol up to 15p a gallon cheaper, had raised the competition too high for the smallest garages. Bruce Petter, director of the PRA, said: "In terms of jobs, we are talking about ten Swan Hunters with the sheer number of garages that will go bust because they cannot keep up with the biggest players in the market. With demand down over the past few years, garages have just had to compete more and more."

Superstores have increased their share of petrol sales from 6 per cent at the start of the Gulf war in 1990 to almost 17 per cent and are expected to have 25 per cent of the market by 1996. They can charge lower prices because of their huge volume of sales and because costs are offset by their shopping operations. Garages now rely heavily on forecourt shop sales for profit, unable to make money on petrol. Shell recently cut the profit margin for its main dealers from 2.3lp a litre to 0.9p to try to hold down prices in the face of competition.

Petrol companies attracted huge publicity during the Gulf war, when prices rocketed to their highest levels, triggering a Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry into accusations of price fixing on forecourts dominated by Esso, Shell and BP.

Intense competition has led to British motorists enjoying petrol prices that are almost the lowest anywhere in Europe against the trend of weaker sterling on world currency markets, higher taxes and higher transport costs. Holidaymakers driving to France pay 18 per cent more for a gallon when they get to the other side of the Channel.

The AA said: "Our survey shows how much motorists can save by shopping around. The superstores and hypermarkets are putting pressure on ordinary garages. It is tough for them but very good news for the motorist."

Caribbean hurricane: when Joel Garner is in action, amateurs feel outclassed

Big Bird ruffles village cricketers

Alan Hamilton finds the gentlemen of Somerset clubs daunted by a fearsome player

GENTLEMEN cricketers in Somerset are a mite miffed at the appearance in their midst of a player. The languid Sunday clip of leather on willow has been shattered by the gust of a Caribbean hurricane tearing across the dreamy English meadow. The gentlemen feel outclassed, not to mention petrified.

Joel Garner is one of the most intimidating bowlers to attack an English wicket. He is 6ft 8in, and in 58 Test appearances for the West Indies he took 259 wickets for the devastatingly low average of 20.97 runs. Now retired from the first-class game, he is occupying himself this season by playing for Glastonbury, a side with hitherto modest ambitions. Glastonbury's local opponents in the lowly Avco Trust Somerset Senior League are considerably less amused.

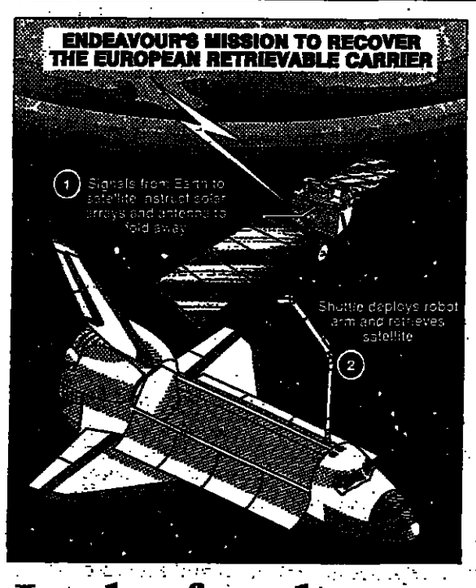
Glastonbury opened the season against Watchet, in which Garner, known throughout the game as Big Bird, took seven wickets for a paltry 12 runs. Put in to bat, Big Bird thrashed 62 around the ground. Since then Garner has taken six wickets for 15 and five for 40. Glastonbury, which ended last season eighth in the 12-team league, are lying fourth, to the dismay of the opposition. "It's just not cricket," one of his victims, bowled for a duck, said yesterday. "Joel is well out of our league."

Garner was sacked by Somerset, along with Botham and Richards in 1986, and lives in the Somerset village of Wiveliscombe.

Richard Burt, Glastonbury's captain, yesterday defended his star player. "The majority of players think it great to play against someone like Joel. It can raise your game."

Ivor Dare, captain of Chard, admitted that Garner was a menacing sight. "A lot of the younger batsmen want to face him, but are a bit scared. He has a very unusual bounce which comes off a length into your chest."

Big Bird was not available for comment yesterday. The storm is the fiercer when it does not announce its coming.



Lack of cash may ground satellite

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE European retrievable satellite is about to return to Earth with a strong chance that it will never be relaunched. Political and economic developments in France and Germany have led scientists to believe that the future not only of the satellite, which has many British experiments on board, but all other European space projects are in jeopardy.

Eureca, the European Retrievable Carrier, is due to be captured by the space shuttle *Endeavour* tomorrow afternoon after nearly a year in orbit. The craft should have been brought back to Europe for refitting and launching on a new mission after its cargo of experiments had been removed for analysis.

But a spokesman for the European Space Agency (ESA) confirmed that the craft is to be mothballed at Bremen, Germany, because of lack of funds.

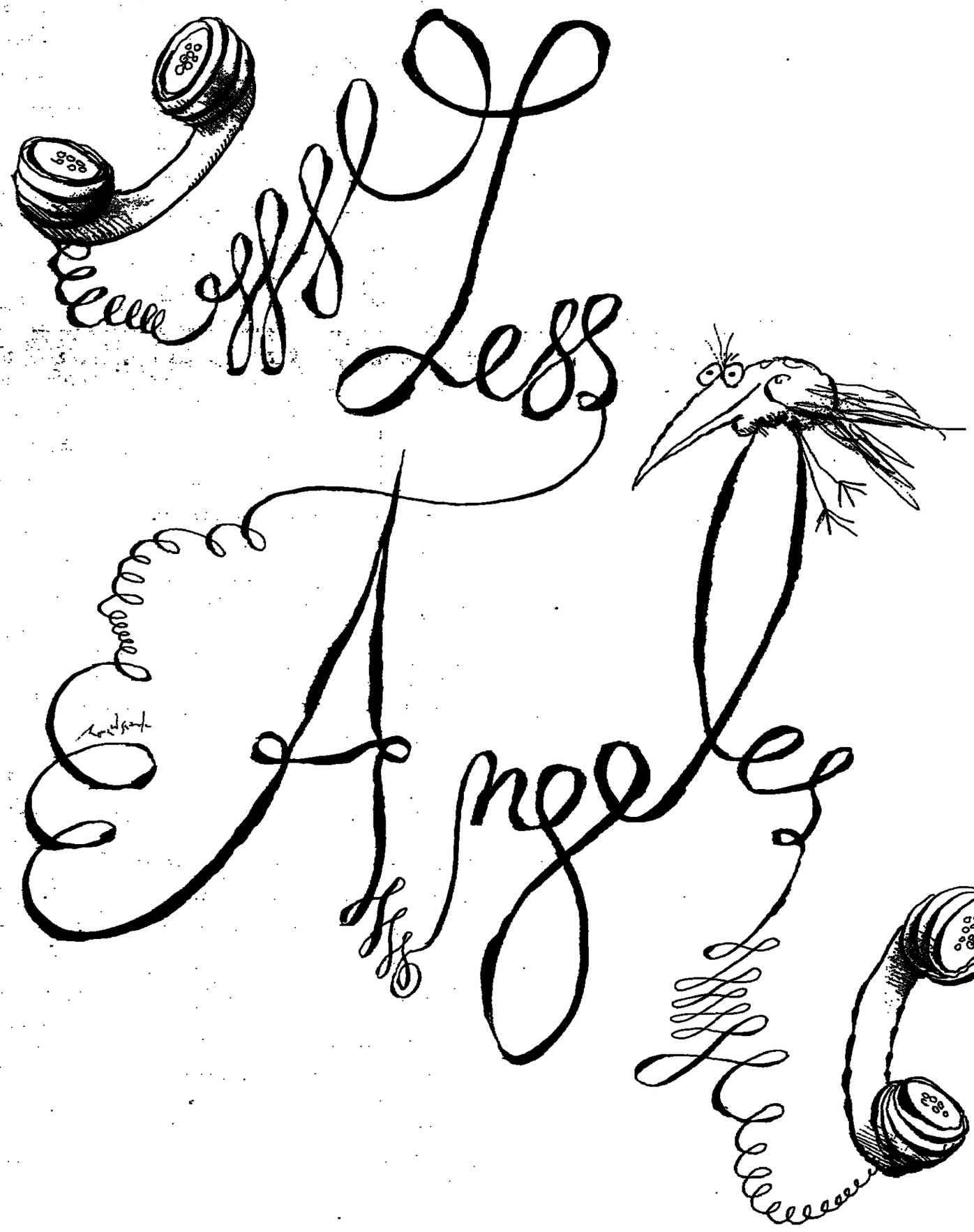
Meanwhile, European space officials were gathering in Paris yesterday for a three-day meeting which could lead to other key space projects being delayed, modified or cancelled. The meeting follows the announcement in America earlier this month that funding for its space station *Freedom* is being cut back to $11 billion (£7.4 billion), which is less than half the original budget.

At least four European projects, including two in which Britain has a substantial stake, are linked with the fate of *Freedom*, which is set for launch at the end of the decade.

Projects agreed by ESA ministers at Grenada, Spain, last November are also threatened. France and Germany have stated publicly that they cannot afford even the revised budget of 22.3 billion ecus (£17.4 billion).

The outcome of the Paris meeting, at which the Grenada projects were to have been rubber-stamped, will be announced tomorrow as, 280 miles above earth, the shuttle's robot arm grapples *Eureca* into its cargo bay.

Julian Smith, a spokesman for Sira, whose scientists at Chislehurst, southeast London, devised experiments involving light and solar radiation on the satellite, said yesterday: "We had hoped to refurbish *Eureca* for a new mission but it appears the craft is to be mothballed. We will try and get the equipment back to Britain to exhibit or, in case funds can be found, for another flight."



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That Japan will effectively break its strict contracts with British Nuclear Fuels.

And that the UK will thus become the "dustbin for Japan's nuclear waste".

THORP is not a dustbin. It's a recycling (technically known as reprocessing) plant. At THORP, uranium and plutonium which can be used to fuel the nuclear reactors of the future are extracted from the spent fuel. All we have to dispose of is 3% fission products.

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That's why we do business with them.

We have, in fact, already sent them significant quantities of the fuel they will be reprocessing for us during the plant's first ten years of operation. It's sitting safely in deep ponds at THORP.

You may think we should just store our spent fuel without reprocessing it. But that is far from ideal, because storing also means you have to treat *everything* as high level waste – uranium, plutonium and waste products, because they are all jumbled together.

In contrast, reprocessing extracts uranium and plutonium which represents 97% of the spent fuel. Fission products (the remaining 3%) come out as waste which can be dealt with far more easily than spent fuel as it is.

That's why it's misleading simply to claim that reprocessing generates more waste. What it generates is *lower level* waste, because BNFL very rightly treats things like clothing and materials used by workers at THORP as waste.

But it's waste that's easily handled. When it comes to high-level waste, reprocessing produces far less than storage or direct disposal does.

There's another very important reason why we in Japan want to reprocess our nuclear fuel.

We actually want our plutonium and uranium back. We need the plutonium to fuel the new generation of fast nuclear reactors. And plutonium can also be used to manufacture a nuclear fuel called MOX (mixed oxide fuel) for use in conventional reactors.

It is Japan's stated policy to generate the power we need for the future by using reprocessed nuclear fuel.

Our previous Minister of State, Mr Nakajima, said as much when he spoke at a World Association of Nuclear Operators conference in Tokyo in April this year:

"Japan has set out its basic policy to retrieve plutonium through the reprocessing of used nuclear fuel, and to use it again as recycled nuclear fuel for the purpose of economical usage of uranium resources, and for securing a stable energy supply."

Anyone who cares about the environment will understand that you can't look at an energy problem in isolation. You have to consider the global picture.

If we didn't reprocess uranium, more would have to be mined. And we'd rather reprocess it safely than waste this valuable source of energy. After all, the oil crises of the past have shown us how quickly the price of a natural resource can rise.

The Japanese Citizens Concerned About Plutonium say that reprocessing will lead to weapons *proliferation*.

Again, not so.

Reprocessing doesn't produce any *more* plutonium, it merely separates it out from nuclear waste.

We intend to use the plutonium and uranium we recover for purely civil purposes. The British Government has backed that with a statement to the effect that there will be no proliferation risk in returning plutonium to Japan.

Far from losing our enthusiasm, we regret the delays which have been caused by a few groups masquerading as majorities who are simply determined to end the use of nuclear power worldwide.

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Mass action likely to follow test case

Judge clears way for challenge to banks on cashpoint fraud

BY IAN MURRAY

A HIGH Court judge yesterday cleared the way for hundreds of customers to take joint action against banks and building societies over the fraudulent use of bank cards in cashpoint machines.

A test case, which had begun with a complaint over "phantom withdrawals" against Barclays Bank by a retired couple from St Helens, Merseyside, who lost £400, is expected to grow into a mass action involving all the major banking institutions in the country. It is certain to bring about a comprehensive review of security systems for millions of bank cards.

At yesterday's hearing, Judge Hicks rejected a submission by the five financial institutions involved that each of nine cashcard customers' complaints should be heard individually. He said that there was no reason why the nine "should not use any means properly open to them" to publicise the case so that others who felt they had been cheated could seek restitution at the same time.

The nine customers want the return of a total of £15,000-£20,000, stolen in unauthorised "hole-in-the-wall" transactions from Barclays, Midland, Lloyds and TSB banks and Nationwide Building Society.

Nick Davis, acting for the plaintiffs, said after the interim judgment that they had foiled an attempt by the banks to divide and conquer. "What we have shown is that it is possible for the consumer to challenge an institution the size of a bank," he said. "If anybody else has lost money in this way we urge them to get in touch with us. We are not out to try to destroy the banking system but to get banks to acknowledge there is a problem and to pay compensation where mistakes have occurred."

Thirty more plaintiffs were now ready to join the action with complaints against National Westminster Bank, the Royal Bank of Scotland, Abbey National, and Halifax and Woolwich building societies. Proceedings against several smaller building societies are being considered.

Mr Davis said that since October 1991, when Mr and Mrs James McConville, the couple who started the case, lodged their complaint, their solicitors, J. Keith Park & Co, of Barrow Street, St Helens,had received enquiries from over 1,000 customers which involved "phantom withdrawals" of between £40 and £9,000.

He said that banks claimed there were only two complaints to the banking ombudsman from the three million transactions made daily through machines. There was evidence to show that the true figure was nearer one in 100,000. "The initial response of banks to all claims is that their system is foolproof, but that is just wrong," he added.

Barclays Bank, the largest issuer of plastic cards, said after the judgment: "We have said all along that we are prepared to defend our position vigorously in the courts and today's interim judgment does not change that."

Once general issues affecting all the cases have been decided, the courts will consider each case individually.

The three issues common to all the cases are: whether the banking institutions are right in claiming infallibility; whether an account can be debited if there is no proof that a genuine card and "pin" (personal identification number) were used; and whether it is possible to make a counterfeit card capable of tapping into a customer's account.

£400 theft forced couple into debt

BY IAN MURRAY

JAMES McConville, 76, and his wife Jean, 65, had never been overdrawn in their lives when they learnt that £400 had been deducted from their account at Barclays in St Helens after three withdrawals from cashpoint machines.

"It came as a total shock to us," Mrs McConville said yesterday. "We only got cards for writing cheques and did not even know how to use the automatic machines with them. They were stolen from my purse and, although we told the bank within an hour, by then one had been used to take out £200 and the other was used to make two withdrawals of £100 each.

"We had £200 in the account but the £400 debit meant we were overdrawn for the first time in our lives. When we challenged the bank, they refused to do anything because they said it was quite impossible for anyone to have used the card unless we had given away our pin.

"The bank then refused to pay our direct debits for insurance, the telephone and electricity and even charged us money for sending letters telling us that they were not paying. All our lives we had paid our bills and suddenly we found [redacted] all these companies thought we were bad payers.

"At one stage the bank manager offered £200 to end the affair but we would not do that because it would mean we accepted we were liable. We pay all our bills with the Giro now and don't have a card of any sort so this cannot happen to us again. We want to win this case to prove that we did not lie and that banks do make mistakes."

JONATHAN HINDMARCH

Saving their necks: volunteers taking swans at Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, to a sanctuary yesterday before next week's regatta

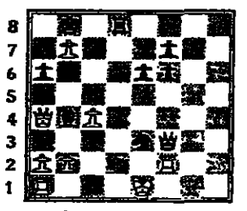
THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Times reader Andrew Whiteley has written to me with today's game, which won the best game prize at the Imperial Open Team Tournament in London.

Andrew Whiteley, the adjudicator of the best game prize said of this game "Black's rook sacrifice on move 18 looks improbable as he has so few pieces near White's king. But his pieces soon come flooding in and I have been unable to find any substantial improvement for White (e.g. 20 Kh3 fails to 20 ... Qe5). Black's first move with his bishop on move 26 provides an elegant finale."

Diagram of final position



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White: J Carlin
Black: M Carlson
Imperial Open Team Tournament 1993

Caro-Kann Defence

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2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dxe4
4	Nxe4	Nf6
5	Nxf6+	gxf6
6	c3	Bf5
7	Nf3	Qc7
8	g3	e6
9	Bg2	Nd7
10	0-0	0-0-0
11	Re1	Bg4
12	Qa4	Bxf3
13	Bxf3	a6
14	Be3	h5
15	c4	h4
16	d5	hxg3
17	hxg3	Ne5
18	Bg2	Rxh2
19	Kxh2	Ng4+
20	Kg1	Nxe3
21	dxc6	Qxg3
22	Re2	Nxg2
23	cxb7+	Kb8
24	Kf1	Qf3+
25	Rf2	Ne3+
26	Ke1	Bb4+

White resigns

The results from the Imperial Open Team Tournament, played 1-3 May, were as follows: 1 King's Head 15½/24 (winners on tie-break and holders of the Tony Perkins trophy) 2 Barbican 3 Hendon 4 Richmond Juniors

CHESS NEWS

Schools Championships

Don't miss the British Schools Chess Championship sponsored by The Times. Readers are invited to attend the semi-finals at London's Charing Cross Hotel on the afternoon of July 1st and the final on the afternoon of July 2nd. Schools wishing to enter the championship for the coming season should write to the Chief Conductor, The Times British Schools Chess Championship, 4 Alders Road, Hale Lane, Edgware Middx HA8 9QG without delay.

Championship update

To book your seat for The Times World Chess Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short ring First Call on 071 497 9977. Lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Cafe man welded in for 57 days

Peter Hawes, who was 48 yesterday, spent his birthday inside the roadside cafe where he welded the doors shut 57 days earlier.

Surrounded by bunting and balloons, he said he would not come out until the transport department reopens the lay-by on the A47 at Guyhirn, Cambridgeshire, where the cafe had traded for 25 years.

The lay-by is an accident blackspot. Mr Hawes, who is disabled, said: "I hope I ain't here when I am 50."

Patten will take control of sex lessons

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, is expected to pursue his moral crusade to promote family values in the classroom by taking responsibility for compulsory sex education lessons.

He will take from school governors the task of deciding what children are taught about sex but will give parents the right to withdraw their children from the lessons. The changes, announced in amendments to the education bill in the House of Lords on Monday, will also allow parents to remove children from lessons about HIV. This concession follows protests by evangelical Christians and Muslim groups.

The first nationally devised sex education lessons, not likely to be introduced before September next year, are expected to follow proposed guidelines for governors published by Mr Patten in March.

These emphasised that all sex education should encourage children to consider the moral dimension of their actions and should recognise the key role of parents.

However,Mr Patten's attempt to ease the conflict between health education campaigners and religious groups over sex education could backfire. Ministers will have to answer for the content of lessons, whereas previously they were able to deflect attention to governors.

Peter Morris, chairman of the National Association of Governors and Managers, said: "The whole system will prove unworkable if sufficient numbers of parents decide to withdraw their children. Governors were in a good position to react to local needs but this will be lost if lessons are standardised and imposed from the centre."

Cameras will catch out cheats

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS Bank yesterday announced plans to begin testing spy cameras in cashpoint machines as a way of resolving disputes over alleged phantom withdrawls.

A spokeswoman for the bank said the cameras, which will be in place at six undisclosed sites within the next few months, could be the key to silencing critics who claim cash point fraud is common and the fault of lax security.

"Shouldering", in which it is claimed people peer over customers' shoulders to see pin numbers and then steal trans- [redacted] action slips to make counterfeit cards, is a myth, Barclays claims. But it believes that camera evidence may be needed to satisfy critics. The cameras will match the time and location of a withdrawal with the account number and video image of the person at the machine.

A spokesman for Quadrant Video Systems of Nottingham, which makes the cameras, said the Derbyshire building society, several banks and eight institutions were also testing the cashpoint cameras.

Ross Anderson, a cryptologist at Cambridge University, welcomed the camera system, which he said would increase the cost of cash machines by only 5 per cent.

Banks rely on rules for plastic cards

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

UP TO 30 bank and building society customers a day question withdrawals from their accounts through automated teller machines.

The financial institutions have not yet submitted formal defences on the cases in the High Court action, although all intend to rely on the printed terms that govern the use of such cards.

These entitle banks and building societies to debit a customer's account when the relevant card and identification number is used, unless the loss of the card has been notified. This has never been contested in open court.

Clydesdale Bank, however, paid compensation to customers whose accounts were raided by a repair engineer. Other settlements have been made out of court, with the banks concerned refusing to accept that their machines might be fallible. Ex-gratia payments are also common from banks prepared to restore money rather than upset a good customer.

Banks say that in most cases of disputed withdrawals, the customers remember the transaction when their memory is prompted by the bank.

The number of complaints about cash dispensers has fallen since the implementation of the banking code of practice in March 1992, but there is still considerable concern among customers that money could be taken without their knowledge. Under the code of practice, customers can be made to pay only £50 of the money that goes missing unless they have been "grossly negligent". That could mean they wrote down the number of their card where it was easily discovered by a thief, or allowed friends and relatives to use the card.

Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, said many dispensers allowed other customers to see the pin being tapped in. Fraudsters can use a blank card to copy the magnetic strip of a legitimate card and then to use the observed identification number to withdraw money.

Last week Stephen Edell, the building societies ombuds- [redacted] man, reported that the number of complaints involving cash dispensers had fallen 47 per cent in the year to March. The ombudsman said the customers should be paid compensation in a third of the cases. In one case, the society issued an unsolicited pin that was never used by the customer. When five withdrawals were made the society refused to refund the money. The ombudsman ordered the loss to be restored in full with interest, plus £150 for inconvenience.

During the year Mr Edell asked his expert ATM adviser to investigate claims that the computer systems were not fully secure. He reported that they were generally secure.

Accused men found dead

Two men found dead in a fume-filled car surrounded with flowers at Fareham, Hampshire, were due to appear in court today.

Martin Abbatt, 21, and David Carter, 56, both from Southampton, had been accused of offences involving schoolboys and an animal.

Pupils expelled

Four pupils have been expelled and five suspended for cannabis smoking at 450-year-old Colchester Royal Grammar School in Essex.

Car park rape

A 22-year-old man was being questioned by police after a woman aged 34 was raped in the car park of Rocky's nightclub at Cobham, Surrey.

Varsity site

Derelict land beside Brayford Pool in central Lincoln has been chosen as the site for the new Lincolnshire University.

Bull escapes

Police shot a half-ton bull after it escaped from an abattoir and ran through the centre of Hanley, Staffordshire.

Bike gunman

A gunman on a mountain bike fired at a car in Moss Side, Manchester.

Poppy record

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Peace reigns as pensioner faces the music

NEIGHBOURS of Edward Watts were enjoying the peace yesterday as the 70-year-old retired shopkeeper spent his first day inside Walton prison, Liverpool, after ignoring court orders to turn his stereo system down.

Police enforced a warrant for Watts' arrest after a judge at Southport County Court ordered that he serve 21 days. His neighbour, David Marston, initiated civil proceedings because the constant loud noise hindered his son's examination revision.

Mr Marston, a customs officer from Ainsdale, Merseyside, said: "Mr Watts knows exactly what he was doing. His behaviour over the past year has been terrible and did not improve after the court case. We didn't want it to come to this, but it's his own fault."

Mrs Susan Marston, a nurse, added: "It's nice and peaceful now without him. When they took him away he had been playing the radio loudly for over an hour from 6am."

Watts had been charged on five counts of causing a nuisance between May and June. On one occasion environmental health officers had to force entry into his home after he refused to turn down his stereo system, invariably tuned at full volume to Classic FM.

Before he was led away, Watts said: "I am going to take a good book with me and the days will soon fly by."

He began his music bombardment to publicise a long-running dispute with Sefton borough council. He claims the council failed to protect him under the terms of the Mental Health Act when he lost his wool shop after being admitted to hospital following a nervous breakdown. "I'm going to keep making a nuisance of myself until somebody takes notice," he said.

Party fund-raising: Major plans shake-up

Top businessmen to give Tories professional edge

BY ANDREW PIERCE

■ Charles Hambro is to head a new board of treasurers set up to supervise Conservative party finances

JOHN Major is expected to authorise before the end of this month the formation of a new board of treasurers at Conservative Central Office.

The move, intended to dilute the mounting criticism of the sources and methods of Tory party fund-raising, will involve eight senior boardroom directors of blue chip companies, who are sympathetic to the Conservative party, being invited to sit on the proposed new supervisory body.

The board will take control of external fund-raising and will be chaired by Charles Hambro, the senior treasurer of the Tory party. Mr Hambro is the chairman of Hambros and a former chairman of Hambros Bank. Tim Smith, the Tory MP for Beaconsfield, who is a treasurer of the party, will also be a member of the board.

The new board, which is designed to give a more professional edge to the party's fund-raising efforts and to broaden the base of its donors, is part of the reforms announced at the beginning of the year by Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, and Paul Judge, the director general of Conservative Central Office.

"We want it in place as soon as possible," a party official said yesterday. "All we are waiting on is the authorisation of the prime minister in his capacity as leader of the party."

With the row over funding showing no signs of abating, the process set in train by the Fowler reforms has been speeded up.

Conservative Central Office refuses to disclose the names of the eight new treasurers. They are expected to come from companies such as Grand Metropolitan, whose chairman and chief executive is Sir Allen Sheppard who set up a root-and-branch review of the party organisation last year. The others are thought to come from organisations such as Hanson Trust and United Biscuits, whose life president Lord Laing was party Treasurer until April.

Mr Hambro moved into Conservative Central Office in April. His appointment was not universally welcomed. Taylor Woodrow, where Mr Hambro had been a director for 30 years, was one of the first big corporate donors to reduce its contribution to the Tory party.

Mr Hambro is an increasingly influential figure in the Conservative party. He is a key member of the board of management which was set up earlier this year by Sir Norman. The board acts like a company's board of directors and brings together senior members of the party's professional, elected and voluntary wings. It is chaired by Sir Norman.

The board of finance at Central Office, which is chaired by Mr Smith, will continue to function. It co-ordinates fund-raising among the party regional offices and is made up of rank-and-file members and officials from the party's national union.

"Even staff who have worked here for 30 years know very little about what goes on behind the closed doors of the treasurer's department," another official said. "The new board should remove some of the mystique." With a deficit of £19 million it should also help the Conservative party to improve its relations with the City, which have been strained by the length and depth of the recession.

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Hambro: attempting to put the Conservative party's finances in order

When the politicians need to take a big gamble

No uncommitted voter listening to yesterday's debate on the funding of parties would ever want to join one or to make a donation. It was a ghastly occasion — the Commons at its bombastic worst: an exercise in yahoo politics between the parties which does so much to make voters hostile to Parliament. Smears, humbug and self-righteousness were there in abundance.

In the short-term tactical sense, the Tories had the better of the day. This was partly thanks to a rambling and unstructured speech from Margaret Beckett and a rumbustious counter-attack from David Hunt, who underlined how strong a public performer he is for the government, especially in the absence of Michael Heseltine.

The Guardian's story about donations from Saudi Arabia also enabled the government to get off the hook by strenuously denying the allegations and by claiming the whole argument was about unsubstantiated rumours.

The debate did little to clarify the argument. Despite Sir Norman Fowler's firm denials that the Tories receive any money from foreign governments or royal families, there remain questions about the scale and implications of large foreign donations and about what wealthy donors expect in return.

The opposition case for greater openness and transparency is still pertinent. Comparisons with the privacy of the ballot box are unconvincing. Donations, unlike votes, *are not equal in their impact.*

This is is a subject where the humbug quotient is high. Some of the ways in which both main parties raise money are questionable and hard to defend. Until recently, there was an acceptance that neither party would challenge the way in which the other raised money. There was campaign rhetoric about union paymasters and big company donors.

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But nothing would be done. That changed in the 1980s, following the legislation on unions' political funds and as a result of the Tories' increasing need for money from large individual donors. So the previous understandings broke down.

The really damning statistic of the last decade is not the amount spent by the parties, which is small by international standards, but the fall in *membership.* The Tories now estimate, or rather guess, that they have only about 500,000 members, half the figure given previously, while Labour's individual membership is around 250,000.

Political scientists would argue that there is little rational argument for anyone to join a party since the benefits — in terms of how a government performs in managing the economy or in national defence — are common to all and remote from any individual's actions. In practice, a mixture of ideological commitment and personal gratification explains the involvement of most party members and activists. But a more diverse society provides many alternative sources of gratification.

The answer is a market solution, making a reality of Tory claims about "the principle of voluntary funding". If the parties want more money, they should attract it from ordinary members of the public, as they seek their votes. That is preferable either to reliance on big donors or to expanded state aid which could ossify the parties. In that sense, John Smith's "levy-plus" plan for encouraging trade union members who pay the political levy to join the Labour party is on the right lines. That is a big gamble. Party politics is now a minority interest in Britain.

PETER RIDDELL

Charter minister calls for complaint

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE job of transforming Britain's "Kafkaesque" bureaucracy into a cost-effective system for delivering public services with a human face will take ten years, David Davis, the new citizen's charter minister, said yesterday.

Encouraging complaints about deficient services was central to the reform process, Mr Davis said. "We do not want to create a generation of whingers, but no one should be deterred from complaining because they think public services are second rate." Complaints would help the five million people working in the public sector to identify weaknesses and thereby improve services, which would gradually raise the "threshold of expectations" for all consumers.

Dismissing claims that the charter initiative was a gimmick designed to deflect attention from public spending cuts, Mr Davis insisted that setting standards was an attempt to cast a spotlight on public services. "Quality and cost control are allies not enemies. The private sector learned this 15 years ago."

Although the charter initiative has been greeted by most commentators with a mixture of cynicism and scepticism, there had been a flood of visitors from America, Europe and the Middle East eager to examine Britain's programme of public sector reform, Mr Davis said. Since the launch of the charter initiative in November 1990, 32 individual charters have now been published, from British Rail's passenger charter to the NHS's patient's charter. More charters were in the pipeline, he said, including those for further and higher education.

William Waldegrave, the public service minister, this week launched the first of a series of citizen's charter forums, explaining the public service reforms to public service workers throughout the country. Mr Davis is also preparing to begin talks with Whitehall departments to monitor progress on the charter initiative.

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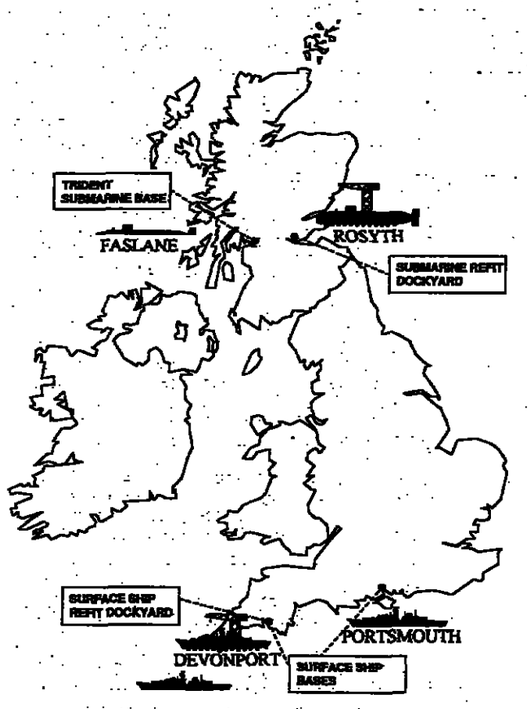

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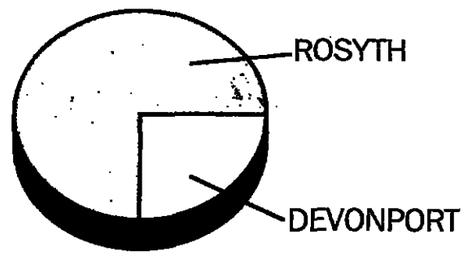

VOLUME OF NUCLEAR SUBMARINE WORK UNDERTAKEN SINCE 1968

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- Basing and refitting nuclear submarines in the north and surface ships on the south coast
- The north-south option as an economical and effective way to support the Fleet
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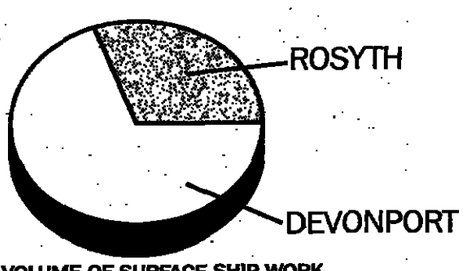

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Party fund-raising: leaders clash in debate

Labour deputy denounces 'odour of corruption'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Commons exploded last night into a ferocious war of potentially damaging allegations about the multi-million pound funding of political parties. Heated exchanges were sparked by wide-ranging accusations about donations and associated political influence by foreign governments and investors and some of Britain's biggest companies and trade unions.

Margaret Beckett, Labour's deputy leader, unleashed a powerful offensive aimed at exposing the "atmosphere of sleaze and odour of corruption" surrounding the financing of the Tory party.

But her roll call of alleged illegal funding provoked a denunciation by David Hunt, the employment secretary, of Labour's "hidden agenda" aimed at securing state funding for political parties.

Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative party chairman, also entered the fray, angrily dismissing as "totally untrue" claims in *The Guardian* that the Conservative government had received up to £7 million from sources close to the Saudi Arabian government. "The Conservative party did not, does not and will not accept donations from foreign governments and that also applies to foreign royal families," he said.

The mood for the despatch box battle on a Labour-initiated debate had been set earlier by acrimonious sparring between John Smith, the Labour leader, and Tony Newton, the Commons leader.

Mr Smith demanded that foreign donations to political parties should be made illegal "in view of the increasing and widespread public concern about large financial donations from foreign sources to the Conservative party". He added: "It is wrong, and it should be illegal, for a British political party to accept large sums of money from people who are not British citizens, do not live here, do not vote here and are not part of our democracy?"

Mr Newton said: "What I understand and believe to be scandal is that a major financer of the Labour party can utter phrases like 'no say — no pay'."

Mrs Beckett quickly took up the cudgels against the government's refusal to change the law to ensure that all party political funding should be disclosed in party accounts. She claimed that the Tory party had used "the power and patronage of government, at least in part, for party political advantage. This is a government that has ceased to be able to tell the difference between the country's interests and its own — perhaps even ceased to believe that one can be distinguished from the other.

"For years it has steadily placed, honoured and promoted those who saw things in the same narrow compass." There was a "remarkable coincidence between the placement of honours by this government and donations to the Tory party". Mrs Beckett said. She listed ten companies which had each donated several hundred thousand pounds to the Conservative party and whose senior figures had received peerages or knighthoods. It was now widely believed that "honours given in the name of the Crown are regularly assumed to be purchased by financial contributions to the Conservative party".

Mrs Beckett fought bitter exchanges with Sir Norman Fowler, over the allegations in *The Guardian*. Sir Norman said that the accusations had "slurred the Saudi Arabian royal family" and he accused Mrs Beckett of "rumour-mongering", demanding that she dissociate herself from the newspaper claims. She said rumours existed precisely because the Tories would not reveal who gave them money.

Although Sir Norman and Mr Hunt persistently denied the allegations relating to the Saudi government, neither denied repeated claims that John Latsis, a Greek shipowner, has given money to the Tory party.

Mrs Beckett said Labour's accounts were independently audited, reported and debated at the annual party conference.

A combative Mr Hunt tore into what he dismissed as a "shabby, irresponsible, miserable and wretched speech ... riddled with rumour, with innuendo, with smear. The true reason for the debate was that Labour faced the most serious financial crisis in its history. "The party opposite want to get their paws on the public purse. They want the taxpayer to bale out their sinking ship. It's all about Labour's desire for state funding of political parties."

He detailed the independent scrutiny of political honours, emphasising that two of the three scrutineers from the Lords were former Labour cabinet ministers, although one, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, was now a Liberal Democrat peer.

Mr Hunt then turned his fire on Labour's relationship with Robert Maxwell and trade unions. Labour had repeatedly altered its estimate of how much Mr Maxwell had given to the party, ranging from £43,000 to £31,000.

"I believe that the principle of voluntary funding underpins the strength of our democracy and the party political system in this country, and I believe we destroy it at our peril," he said.

Sir Norman described the changes made to central Conservative fund-raising during his year as party chairman. The party refused to accept any donations it did not know the source of or had reason to believe were obtained illegally or had been given "with any strings attached".

The £440,000 of donations from Polly Peck had been received at a time when the group headed by Asil Nadir was seen as "a highly regarded British company". Sir Norman said that, despite offers of assistance to Touche Ross, the administrators of Polly Peck, the party had not been contacted by them until he had received a letter an hour before entering the chamber. He said that if he received any proof that the money was stolen "we will of course return it". He hoped Labour would make the same commitment in respect of the money received from Maxwell.

Pulling the rug: Margaret Beckett, who led Labour's attack in the Commons yesterday

Tories fail to heed their own lessons

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Tory party is in trouble over its finances because it ignored the precepts which ministers regularly preach about ensuring that spending does not exceed revenue.

The Tories' troubles date not from last year's general election but, earlier, from the years after the 1987 general election. Indeed, according to the party's 1992 accounts, the £11.2 million costs of the election were fully covered by funds raised by the treasurers during the election.

During most of the 1980s the party had a deficit on its central funds of between £1 million and £3 million. Spending and fund-raising rose in the run-up to elections and fell afterwards, as there were cuts at Conservative Central Office. But this did not happen after the 1987 general election.

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, a senior lecturer in government at Brunel University, has written in *The Times* about how the party's central spending in 1989-90 and 1990-1 soared to nearly £32 million, compared with £13 million in the equivalent two years of the past electoral cycle.

Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory chairman, told the Commons home affairs committee last week that substantial items of exceptional spending in the period included computerisation and the refurbishment and expansion of the party's offices in Smith Square. In the period when Kenneth Baker was chairman, the number of staff was increased and expensive opinion research was commissioned.

The result of this spending spree was that the cumulative deficit on its central funds increased from less than £1 million in March 1989 to more than £17 million by March 1992 and a projected £19 million by March this year. Much of the increase occurred before the election campaign. But corporate donations and payments from constituency associations failed to keep pace, according to Dr Pinto-Duschinsky. The party also failed to develop sufficiently the type of direct mail fund-raising techniques which have been so successful in America.

Laws limit gifts to foreign politicians

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HOW political donations are regulated abroad.

Germany: Annual reports drawn up by the parties have to list all individual donors contributing more than DM20,000 (£8,000) a year.

Germany introduced the principle of public financing of parties as early as 1954. Every party that has more than 0.5 per cent of the vote receives a subsidy amounting to DM5 per voter.

France: Donors must open a bank account to be used uniquely for campaigns and must declare their identity. All incoming funds and outgoing expenses must be strictly recorded and declared at the end of the campaign to a national commission. No contribution to a candidate can exceed 30,000 francs (£3,500) from a single source. Parties are entitled to state funding according to the percentage of votes received and the number of candidates elected.

United States: The Federal Election Campaign Act sets limits on individual contributions to congressional and presidential candidates but not on the amount of money candidates can spend.

In the presidential campaign, as opposed to the primaries, the two party nominees receive only public funds.

Individuals may donate up to $1,000 (£670) a candidate, and pressure groups up to $5,000. Businesses and unions cannot make contributions and candidates must disclose any contribution over $200. Corporations, unions and wealthy individuals get round these limits by contributing directly to the parties.

Italy: Italy is currently without a law on the financing of political parties as the country voted overwhelmingly in April to abandon the old system.

The call to end the generous public financing of political parties came in reponse to a 17-month investigation which discovered systematic extortion by many politicians, who allegedly demanded bribes in return for public contracts.

Parliament today

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Delors launches a flotilla of smaller thoughts instead of The Big Idea

Major welcomes bland agreement on jobs and wealth

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN COPENHAGEN AND CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE EC summit which ended here yesterday was designed, in the words of its Danish chairman, to send a "positive signal" to Europe's unemployed. In the event, the sound which the summiteers emitted yesterday was a little muffled.

After two years wrapped up in writing and ratifying the Maastricht treaty, EC leaders tried this week to organise a gathering which responded to peoples' everyday concerns on jobs and economic growth. They asked Jacques Delors to inspire them with an uplifting vision of the future.

The summiteers were asking the president of the European Commission to achieve the impossible. Inviting him to diagnose and prescribe for the Community's ills was an echo of the past.

The Community's great and good are still living in the halcyon years of the late 1980s. In those fondly-remembered days western Europe's economy was booming, the cold war froze Europe's ethnic struggles under the ice and Jacques Delors was the acclaimed architect of the EC's 1992 programme to create a barrier-free single market.

Nowadays, the summiteers gather twice a year under pressure at home, most with economies slumping and increasingly shamed by the gap between their rhetoric and their action in the Balkans.

The agreement reached yesterday was the first product of the new realism of the 1990s. M Delors and his European commissioners will work on proposals for what promises to be an argumentative Christmas summit in Brussels. The communiqué repeats remorselessly that the key decisions are all to be taken by national governments.

The document even underlines the phrase for the benefit of any Eurocrats liable to get ideas above their station and believe that Brussels has been put in charge of the revival. The only concrete decision enlarges by £2 billion a Europe-wide loan fund for infrastructure projects and interest rate subsidies for small businesses.

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The main features of *Entering The 21st Century*, the eight-point plan presented to the EC summit for reviving Europe's economy:

- **Stick to plans for a single currency**
- **Work for world trade rules which shelter Europe's environmental prosection and "social progress"**
- **Raise the EC average of 2 per cent of GNP on research and development to 3 per cent**
- ***Spend £20 million a year on upgrading transport and telecommunications***
- ***Shift resources towards building up hi-tech "information highways"***
- **Accustom people to train and re-train**
- ***Shift taxation from workers to scarce natural resources***
- **Build up job agencies to help the labour force adjust to change**

No wonder Mr Major liked the bland "agreement" reached yesterday on jobs and growth. The EC has moved away from what the prime minister yesterday called "Euro-theology" and got down to brass tacks on a subject which is unlikely to get Mr Major into trouble with his Tory Eurosceptics.

There was little public mention yesterday of the one policy which all the governments believe would transform their economic prospects more drastically than all the products of M Delors' fertile mind put together: interest rate cuts.

Without a German rate cut, Bonn's neighbours can only move by cautious degrees. The subject was little mentioned, because Helmut Kohl avoided the subject. The words "interest rate cuts", one of his officials said, were not in Bonn's vocabulary just now.

M Delors has not launched a new Big Idea but a flotilla of smaller thoughts. His eight points *(see panel)* are broad priorities mostly stripped of their price tags and designed to avoid exacerbating existing disagreements between the EC's big economies.

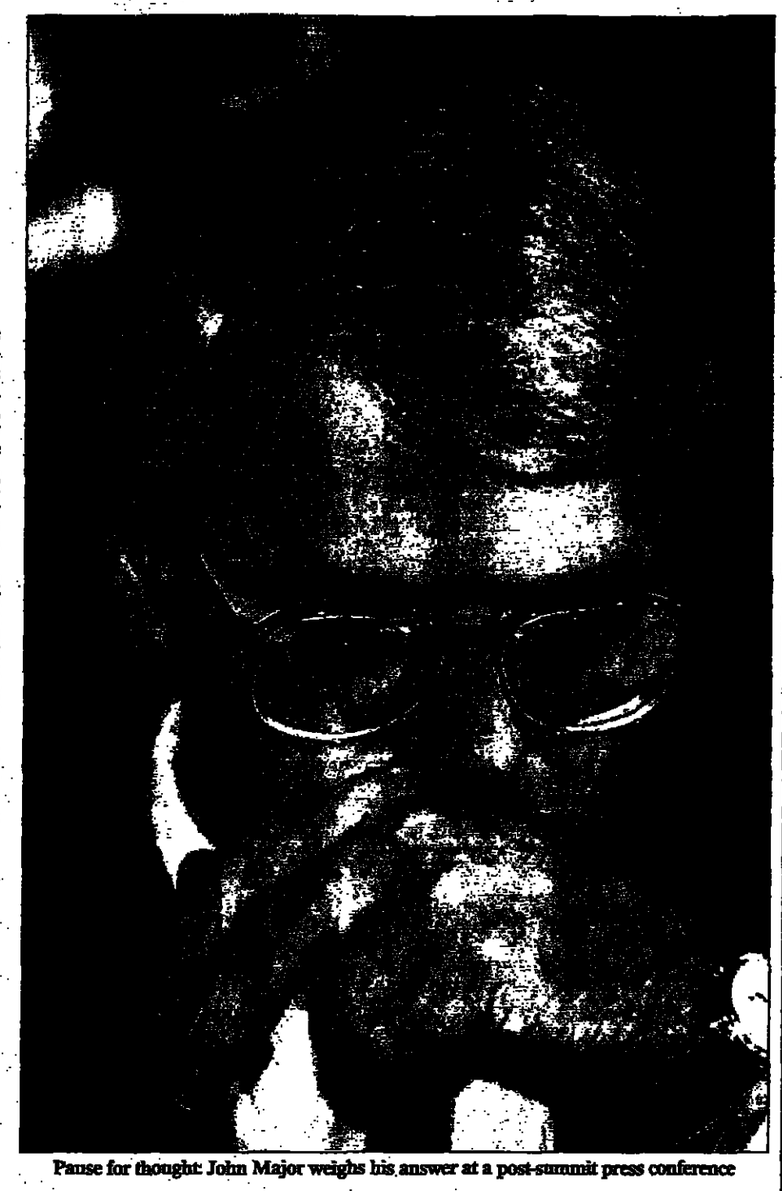
Mr Major hoped yesterday, with pointed emphasis, that the Commission's end-of-year report would be "genuinely radical". He was hinting that the Commission president had stayed on safe ground. M Delors had obeyed Bonn's advice and stayed away from anything liable to make Europe's already rigid labour market less flexible, but had avoided any hint that the EC's own social laws might be contributing to the competitivity problems laid out in his red and purple graphs.

Delors aides would like the forthcoming white paper to have an impact on the scale of the 1992 project launched in 1985. But that assembly of almost 300 proposed EC laws was launched on the back of a rare consensus between all the EC's major governments: it was one of the few Community policies of 1980s which Mrs Thatcher liked.

Europe's economy was picking up in the mid-80s. In suggesting the completion of the single market by a deadline, M Delors was reminding Europeans that they had promised to strike down barriers to free movement 30 years before. But if M Delors needed any solace after the criticism he received from Mr Major over Europe's "social chapter", he will find it in France, which yesterday warmly welcomed his plan for economic development.

"Jacques to the rescue", could sum up the media response to M Delors' programme for spending on such things as infrastructure and training, while preserving the costly welfare system and labour laws which France cherishes but which all non-European experts blame for the continent's declining ability to compete. "Admiral Delors is performing a rescue operation on the high seas," said *Parisien Libéré*.

The French media showed little inkling that John Major had spoken strongly against the taboo on touching social benefits. "The 12 gave a warm welcome to the propositions of the president of the Commission" said *Le Figaro*, in contrast to British newspapers.



Pause for thought: John Major weighs his answer at a post-summit press conference

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Summit opens door to former Soviet states

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER IN COPENHAGEN

THE European Community yesterday committed itself, for the first time, to opening its doors to six former communist states in eastern and central Europe.

At the same time it agreed a firm target of January 1, 1995, for entry into the EC of Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway, a move hailed by John Major last night as a big step forward in the history of the Community.

The European Council summit in Copenhagen decided against setting a target date for the entry of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania and Bulgaria.

However, it agreed a package of measures designed to speed their political and economic integration with the Community. The agreement marked a compromise between the EC's "wideners", led by Britain, who want to open it up to new members in order to make it a looser entity, and the "deepeners", such as France, who fear that enlargement will weaken the progress towards European union.

Britain welcomed the economic package which will speed up access for east European goods to the EC market.

Duties will abolished on industrial, mainly chemical, products after two years, rather than four, and on products such as footwear, glassware, cars and electrical goods after three years, rather than five. Duties on textiles and steel will also be abolished earlier than expected.

However, at the insistence of France, the membership criteria agreed at the summit are more demanding than other Community members would have preferred.

To qualify, new members will have to achieve "stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, human rights, respect and protection of minorities, the existence of a functioning market economy as well as the capacity to cope with competitive pressure and market forces".

The summit agreement says that membership presupposes the country's ability to take on the obligations of membership, including adherence to the aims of political, economic and monetary union. It says the EC's capacity to absorb new members "while maintaining the momentum of European integration is also an important consideration in the general interest of both the union and the candidate countries".

In a document which has [redacted] been endorsed by the heads of government, the European Commission said it was in the EC's interests to commit itself to a stronger relationship with the former Soviet Union's satellites if they were to become future partners rather than unstable neighbours.

The six countries are not expected to be admitted to the Community on the same date because they cannot be expected to fulfil all the economic requirements of the EC at the same time.

Mr Major spoke of his hopes that Austria and the Scandinavian countries would be in the EC by 1995, earlier than many people expected. He said it would be stronger for their membership.

The summit communiqué said that the initial difficulties in launching the enlargement negotiations had now been overcome and the pace was speeding up. The talks will be conducted in parallel but each candidate will be treated on their own merits.

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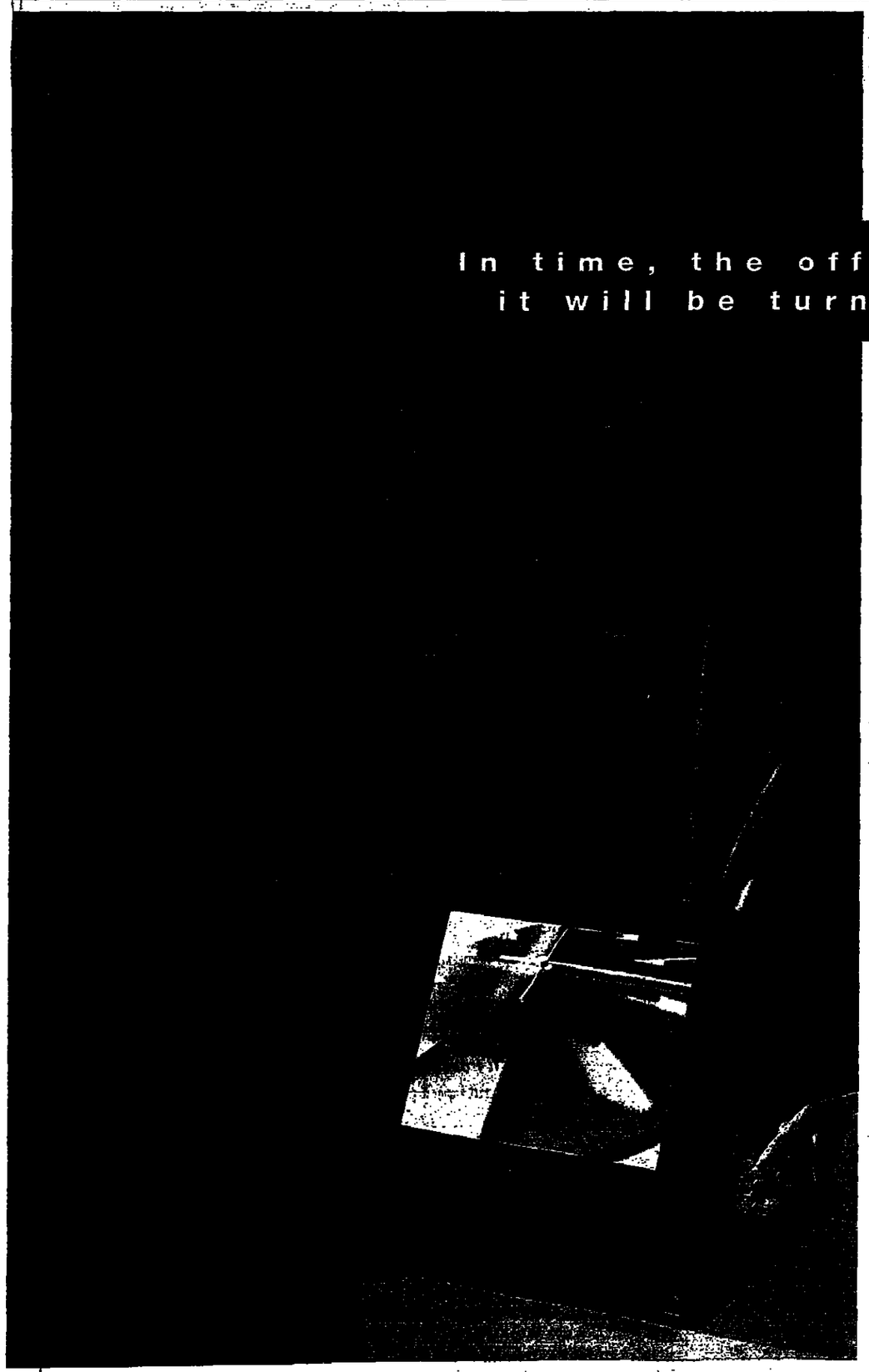

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EC resistance over arming Muslims starts to crumble

Insistence on the Bosnian arms embargo may leave John Major arguing against America, France and Germany, George Brock writes

ON MONDAY evening, the European Community's heads of government debated their disarray over Bosnia-Herzegovina during a light supper in the grey Christiansborg castle which houses the Danish parliament. The Community's foreign ministers, dining separately nearby, were scheduled to join their leaders for coffee.

The atmosphere was so poisoned by an argument over whether or not EC governments should lift the arms embargo for Bosnia's Muslims that the coffee session never happened. The leaders returned to their late-night paperwork unusually early. Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, said later that he had not enjoyed the food, but in every other respect he seemed cheerful. The row had not lowered his spirits for the good reason that he was on his way to a diplomatic coup.

Formally, the EC summit defeated Herr Kohl's oft-repeated assertion that the only constructive move which outside powers can take in the Balkans is to back the beleaguered Muslims by rescinding the United Nations arms ban, which has left them with less weaponry than their Serb and Croat opponents. Yesterday's summit communiqué made no mention of lifting the embargo. Herr Kohl gracefully admitted that he was in a minority of one. For the time being.

Resistance to arming the Muslims has begun to crumble. The Community leaders arrived in Copenhagen with their modest Bosnian policy recently torn to pieces by the warlords. They left with the balance of opinion shifting discernibly towards arming the Muslims — and away from John Major's strenuous criticisms of ending the embargo.

The summit delegates' dinner was bad-tempered, one remarked later, because of the pervasive guilt over Europe's humiliating impotence. But the row was enflamed when Herr Kohl disclosed a letter he had received earlier in the day from President Clinton. He asked Herr Kohl to remind the summit of the American administration's long-held arguments in favour of lifting the arms ban. The embargo, agreed before the Bosnian fighting began, reinforced what one American official yesterday called a "mammoth disparity" between the Muslims and the Serbs and Croats, who have now captured all but about 10 per cent of Bosnia's territory.

Herr Kohl also relayed the desperate pleas of President Demirel of Turkey, who has ceaselessly agitated for a more active Western policy to help the Muslims. Mr Demirel had telephoned both Herr Kohl and President Mitterrand on Monday.

The effects of the evening's discussion in the castle did not become clear until yesterday morning when M Mitterrand began to speak on Bosnia. He reminded the meeting that the UN had agreed to defend six Muslim "safe areas" several weeks before and the UN secretary-general was still begging the governments of the Third World for the 7,500 soldiers required. If we were talking about the safety of our own states, M Mitterrand said, we would reach that decision in two hours and not weeks. His audience knew that President Izetbegovic of Bosnia had come to Copenhagen the previous evening and told three foreign ministers that his state could not last more than three months without help.

The Community faced a stark choice, M Mitterrand went on, between either taking action to defend the Muslims from total defeat or the least attractive option: pulling out the British, French and Spanish troops and arming the Muslims. He made quite clear that if EC states could not help, they should switch policies. Then, if the safe areas plan were to fail, he said later, "it would be impossible to say to the Bosnian Muslims that they were not allowed to defend themselves".

There is little sign of the military commitment which the Community promised yesterday. The Dutch government offered 400 men for "logistic support". France will reorganise its forces for combat defence of Muslim areas rather than aid convoy protection, but not raise its troop level.

The Spanish, Dutch, Belgian and Irish governments are now talking like M Mitterrand and referring to lifting the embargo as a last resort. Even British officials emphasised yesterday that the government had never ruled out lifting the embargo if the situation changed. Pressed on the issue, Mr Major did not rule out what he called a "counsel of despair".

Judging by the bleak evidence of the past few weeks, the plan for Muslim safe areas may well fail. In that event, Mr Major will find himself arguing for the maintenance of the embargo against the combined weight of the United States, France and Germany. Support for his view would not last long.

Losing hand: President Izetbegovic of Bosnia answering questions as he arrives in Copenhagen for the EC summit

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EC maps out way forward after Maastricht

IN ITS introduction, the European Community welcomed the outcome of the Danish referendum and the prospect of a rapid completion of ratification procedures on the Maastricht treaty in all member states. It is determined that this important step should mark the ending of a prolonged period of uncertainty on the Community's direction.

The following are extracts from the final declaration of the European Community summit that ended in Copenhagen yesterday:

Unemployment

Unemployment and the dangers inherent in increasing numbers of people in the Community becoming permanently detached from the labour market are causing deep concern. The EC is determined to restore confidence through the implementation of a clear strategy — covering both the short term and medium to long term — to restore sustainable growth, reinforce the competitiveness of European industry and reduce unemployment.

Interest rates

The EC agreed on the importance of creating the economic conditions for rapidly bringing down interest rates in Europe. It felt the orientations agreed by finance ministers in Kolding on the EMS go in the right direction. It invited the Commission to propose measures for the second stage of economic and monetary union, to be adopted as soon as possible after entry into force of the Treaty and before January 1, 1994.

EFTA

To promote international co-ordination of policies, the EC welcomed the outcome of the joint EC-EFTA meeting of economic and finance ministers in April and invited ECO/FIN to continue to maintain close contacts with European Free Trade Association countries. The Council wants the Group of Seven summit in Tokyo to provide an agreed basis for a determined effort to promote growth in the world economy.

Uruguay Round

The European Council welcomed the Commission's report on progress in the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. It underlined the need for the EC to continue to play an active part in achieving further progress while preserving the European identity. It was emphasised that it was essential to relaunch the multilateral process as soon as possible in order to complete a comprehensive and balanced agreement before the end of the year. This was needed for the new, rules-based trading system in which unilateral action is ruled out.

Reform

The EC pledged to support reform and to ensure a rapid transition to a market economy. It has agreed that associated countries in Central and Eastern Europe that so desire shall become members of the European Union. Accession will take place when an associated country is able to assume the obligations of membership by satisfying the economic and political conditions required.

Enlargement

Initial difficulties in launching enlargement negotiations with Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway have been overcome and the talks were gathering speed. The negotiations will, as far as possible, be conducted in parallel, while dealing with each candidate on merit. Enlargement should become a reality by January 1, 1995.

Security

The summit welcomed a French plan for a new security pact to protect minorities and borders in Europe and help avert new conflicts like the war in Yugoslavia. They told foreign ministers to examine the plan and report to the next summit in Belgium in December. They said that recent events in Europe have shown that action in these areas is timely and appropriate.

Russia

Political and market economy reforms undertaken by President Yeltsin were welcomed as progress was reported on a partnership agreement, seen as essential to stability in Europe. Leaders agreed to propose regular meetings between the EC president, the president of the Commission and the Russian president.

Bosnia

The EC reaffirms its conviction that a negotiated settlement (in Bosnia) has to be based on the principles of the London conference, reflected in the Vance-Owen plan, particularly the independence and territorial integrity of Bosnia. It supports the call for an immediate ceasefire. It reaffirms the need for wider international support for humanitarian aid.

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Force of history condemns Bosnia to a hostile peace

For all the West's hand wringing, Serb and Croat triumphs show that savagery pays. ***Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent,*** *writes*

HISTORY may well record that the war in Bosnia effectively ended today. The real victors — Serbs and Croats — have fought themselves to a virtual standstill, having seized the territory they can reasonably hope to keep. The losers, the Muslims, are left with small crumbs of comfort in the form of well-meaning but probably impotent promises of safeguards from the international community.

For the first time today, peace is given a real chance when the three sides meet in Geneva with a genuine desire to negotiate. The Muslim-led Bosnian presidency is in tatters, with a bitter President Izetbegovic having retreated to his battered capital, Sarajevo. The remnants of the Bosnian state will be represented in Geneva by a majority of the collective presidency, including the man seen as Mr Izetbegovic's main challenger, Fikret Abdic.

Mr Abdic has been championed by Lord Owen, according to Mirza Hajric, London correspondent of the Sarajevo newspaper, *Oslobodenje*. "Lord Owen was trying to find a person in the Bosnian leadership who would back the ethnic division of the republic," said Mr Hajric. "Abdic is a Muslim, but not a religious Muslim and he did save a lot of lives by doing a deal with the Croats over his home territory of Bihac. He is very popular there, and he is a communistic man who leads a very simple life. But it is not up to Lord Owen to choose the president of our country."

Germany and America, meanwhile, were chided by John Major at the European Community summit in Copenhagen yesterday for seeking a lifting of the arms embargo against Muslims. The prime minister said that relaxing the embargo would destroy any chance of a negotiated settlement, jeopardise international humanitarian efforts and endanger UN forces in former Yugoslavia, including more than 2,500 British troops.

"Thats not a policy I favour," Mr Major said. "I want to stop the killing, not add to the killing."

Bonn's attempt to pour more weapons into the theatre of war seems surprising at first glance, since they would probably be used against Germany's old allies, the Croats. But Bonn's move, as well its role in pressing the EC into what is now seen as premature recognition of Croatia, must be seen in the light of its recent history. Reunification has given Germany a heightened sense of statehood — both its own and others. "Germans may feel they have not done enough to protect the Bosnian state," said Dr Spyros Economides, lecturer in international relations at the London School of Economics.

The Vance-Owen plan was repeatedly hailed in Europe and America as "the only act in town". In reality, the only act that mattered has been the thud of mortars and the snap of sniper fire.

Sporadic fighting among renegade groups and mopping up operations by Serbs and Croats is likely to dribble on for some time, but the startegic battle for territory is all but over. The largest danger of residual violence comes from the Muslims, who have little to lose and who have been increasingly well-armed recently.

Instead of a convoluted Vance-Owen map of ten semi-autonomous regions that the warring sides were never likely to accept, the protagonists will discuss how to formalise the division of the republic along ethnic lines.

"The problem is that the Muslims are cornered and it is highly unlikely they will just sit back," said Dr Economides. "But in all the wars in Yugoslavia until now, when one side or another has captured an area it wants, this has stopped the big offensives. The Croats and Serbs have now by and large captured what they want. The Vance-Owen plan seemed full of pitfalls, but what were you left with? Bosnia being carved up, which everyone was reluctant to admit."

Michael Banks, Reader in international relations at the LSE, was also critical of the Vance-Owen scheme: "If conflict resolution is to work successfully, it has to be done with the participation of the parties involved. I get the feeling Vance-Owen did not apply this properly."

The effects of "ethnic cleansing" are meanwhile unlikely to be reversed. Mr Banks said: "Savagery does work. Ethnic cleansing victims do not want to go back. Even if you look at Great Britain, ethnic cleansing by our invaders has never been reversed. The natives are stuck in the corners — Wales, Ulster and Scotland — while the rest of us speak Nordic-European languages. What you have in Bosnia is a throwback."

Bosnian Serb leaders in Belgrade yesterday reiterated their desire for 64 per cent of Bosnian territory in a peace deal. They currently control 70 per cent.

"Bosnia is sorting itself out," said Paul Beaver of *Jane's Defence Weekly*. "We will now see a major slowdown in the fighting."

However, there is still one danger area on the Bosnian border. Serbs living in the Krajina enclave of Croatia have voted in a referendum in favour of unity with Bosnian Serbs — a move that has infuriated Croatia.

Tension has been high in the enclave since Croatian troops launched an offensive against a section of it by the Adriatic coast in January. Goran Hadzic, president of the self-proclaimed Republic of Serb Krajina, was conciliatory yesterday as he prepared for peace talks with Croatian officials, saying there were no plans for rapid unification of Serb territories in Croatia and Bosnia.

Mr Hadzic said a referendum on unity last weekend had been "just to test the will of the people". Later yesterday, he held talks with senior Croat officials, the first high-level meeting between the two sides since the January fighting.

Bosnian and Krajina Serbs are due to hold a joint session of their parliaments next Monday to set a timetable for unification, but Mr Hadzic said in Geneva there were no plans to unite the two territories in the next week.

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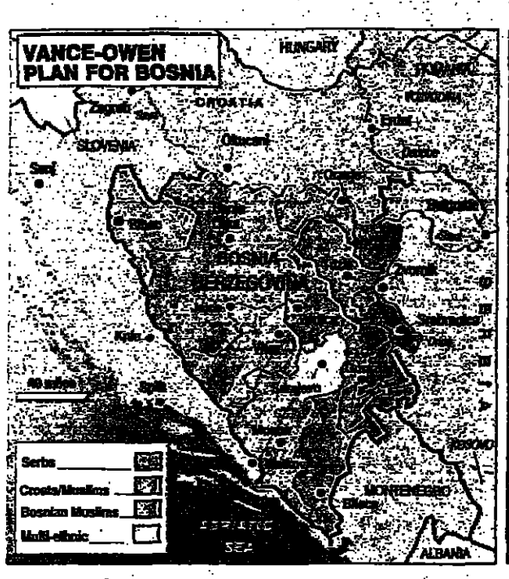

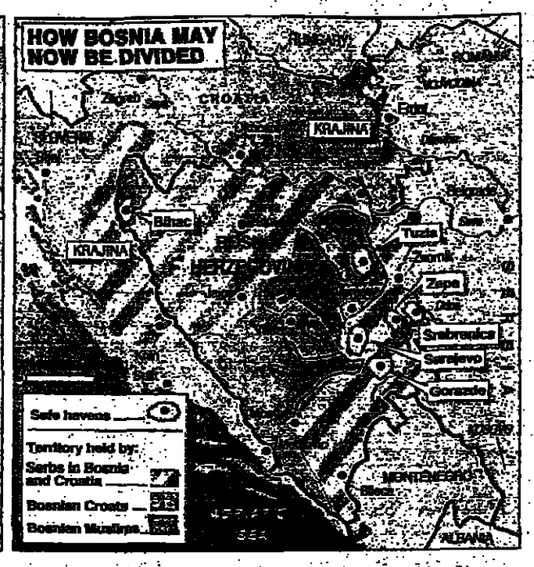

Izetbegovic humiliated as partition calls grow

■ Plans to depose the Bosnian president are gathering pace. His probable successor, Fikret Abdic, could find that far from bringing peace, partition will fuel the war

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

PRESIDENT Izetbegovic of Bosnia was humiliated and rebuffed yesterday as plans to depose him gathered pace. Despite fierce objections from the president, the collective and multi-ethnic Bosnian presidency decided that it would attend talks on the partitioning of Bosnia in Geneva, which resume today.

Franjo Boras, a Croat member of the presidency has been nominated to lead the group. Fikret Abdic, a Muslim member who was, and is, widely tipped to replace Mr Izetbegovic, said that he had decided that although it was his right to take his place he was not doing so because he wanted to quash speculation of a palace coup. "I do not want the central issue to be Izetbegovic's replacement. The central issue is peace in Bosnia."

While the politicians talked, the first United Nations aid convoy for a month reached the Muslim enclave of Gorazde yesterday, with food and medical supplies for its 70,000 inhabitants.

Any doubts over the brutal reality of what took place yesterday in Zagreb were set aside when Mile Akmadzic, another Croat member and the Bosnian prime minister said: "Mr Izetbegovic is still the president," but then proceeded to mock him by noting that important decisions could be made without him.

Izetbegovic loyalists in Zagreb said yesterday "a catastrophe is taking place". They said that the Croats, determined to carve up Bosnia, had mounted a coup and found a treacherous ally in Mr Abdic. If the Bosnian presidency is induced to sign a partition deal, far from bringing peace it will only fuel the war as it will be a deal from which Bosnia's Muslims will be seen to have been excluded.

Mr Abdic who was clearly the most important man in yesterday's meeting is seen as someone with whom both Croats and Serbs can do business with. The latest issue of the Yugoslav Army magazine notes approvingly that he had recently remarked: "I am against Izetbegovic's call for the continuation of the war and the introduction of a military dictatorship. Most Muslims are against continuing the war."

Mr Izetbegovic has ruled out partition of Bosnia into three ethnic mini-states but, with the Croats losing territory to Muslim forces and keen to sew up a deal with the Serbs, President Izetbegovic is seen as a big impediment to their goals. Lord Owen, the peace negotiator, also sees Mr Izetbegovic as intransigent in what he regards as the face of reality: that Bosnia's Muslims have lost the war and if they oppose a deal now they will lose even more territory. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, has warned the Muslims of this explicitly saying that unless they agree to the Serb-Croat partition plan, which would leave the Muslims various small patches of territory, "they will lose more or everything".

The stage for sidelining President Izetbegovic was set last week when Lord Owen put in motion the revival of the presidency. It is composed of politically insignificant Serbs who are loyal to Sarajevo, Croats who are loyal to President Tudjman of Croatia, and two Muslims. One has sided with Mr Izetbegovic but Mr Abdic, close to the Croats, has denounced him. Yesterday Lord Owen's office confirmed that presidency members had all been invited to attend today's talks.

Yesterday's move by the presidency has shattered the legal facade by which Mr Izetbegovic was able to negotiate as the head of an internationally recognised multi-ethnic state rather than as leader of Bosnia's Muslims. This is precisely what the Serbs and Croats want because they need Bosnian Muslim leaders to negotiate partition, not oppose it. It is a glib strategy which could set the stage for yet more mayhem.

Mr Izetbegovic was due to return to Sarajevo yesterday where he is expected to rally his troops. He is by no means a spent force and despite rival regional centres of power emerging he has considerable influence with the armed forces. Mr Abdic, by contrast, is popular in his home region in the "Bihac pocket" but has rarely been in Sarajevo since the war began. He has no power in Sarajevo or with the hard men of Muslim militancy based in central Bosnia.

In a further sign of Serb-Croat rapprochement Goran Hadzic, the leader of Serbs in the Krajina enclave of Croatia, yesterday discounted plans for a rapid unification with the Bosnian Serb republic. After last weekend's Krajina referendum, in which the overwhelming majority voted in favour of unification, the act was due to be proclaimed on June 28. Mr Hadzic was in Geneva yesterday for talks with Croat officials.

Moment of peace: a man walks his dog past flats in Sarajevo scarred by months of bombardment. Fighting has diminished since Serbs and Croats agreed to partition Bosnia

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French ministers bicker over checks on foreigners

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

EDOUARD Balladur, the French prime minister, returned from Copenhagen yesterday and ran straight into a quarrel involving his two senior ministers over new police powers to check the identity of foreigners.

The differences between Charles Pasqua, the Gaullist interior minister and architect of the clampdown on immigration and illegal residents, and Simone Veil, the centrist minister for social affairs, focus on how officers may decide that someone looks like a foreigner.

Mme Veil, a survivor of Auschwitz and an international heavyweight in the field of human rights, has taken the side of critics who believe that the action against illegal residents is promoting hostility to foreigners. Along with Pierre Méhaignerie, the justice minister, Mme Veil broke ranks with the government after a Gaullist MP close to M Pasqua inserted an amendment to the bill providing tougher action against foreigners without valid papers. The clause says officers may request identity papers if they notice "any element other than racial affiliation" which causes them to suspect that a person is a foreigner.

Alain Marsaud, the author of the amendment and a hardline law and order Gaullist like M Pasqua, says his intention was to avoid racial discrimination. "I do not want them to challenge a yellow person because he is yellow or a black because he is black." He suggested that officers could spot foreigners by observing whether they were driving a foreign-registered car or reading a newspaper in a language other than French. Commentators said M Marsaud's wording was designed to avoid possible rejection by the Constitutional Court.

M Balladur was expected last night to avoid taking sides and smooth over the dispute by encouraging the Gaullist majority to drop the amendment in the Senate or when the bill returns to the national assembly for a final vote. However, the affair has embarrassed the government by highlighting the sensitive issue of attitudes to foreigners.

It has also highlighted the divide between the Gaullists and their junior partners from the centre-right Union pour la Démocratie Française. Though some UDF leaders share M Pasqua's hardline views, most are uncomfortable with what they see as Gaullist pandering to the country's xenophobic streak.

Voicing the liberal view, *Le Monde* called the government's new laws on immigration and police powers "a trilogy that delivers an urgent message to public opinion that foreigners should be generally mistrusted". While public opinion is strongly behind M Pasqua and his campaign to root out "undocumented" foreigners and end immigration, the left-leaning press is railing at what it sees as a dangerous retreat from France's open-door tradition.

M Pasqua is being accused by the Socialist opposition of trying to occupy the anti-immigrant ground held by Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the ultra-right National Front. M Le Pen is making much the same charge, accusing the interior minister of just pretending to be tough on foreigners.

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Auschwitz pagoda starts row

BY RUTH GLEDHILL AND DOYEL MAITRA

PLANS to build a Buddhist peace pagoda at the Auschwitz death camp in Poland are creating a new outcry just as the controversy over the presence of a Carmelite convent on the site subsides.

The Buddhists view the pagoda, expected to be similar to the one in Battersea Park, south London, as a peaceful mission "linking Buddhist and Jewish brothers and sisters".

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, of the International Council of Christians and Jews, said: "The Jewish community would not be automatically opposed, providing the pagoda is outside the camp. I cannot think that anyone could oppose something which acts as a memorial to the suffering Jew."

But the director of the Auschwitz Centre, Fr Marek Glownia, said the city council showed "a marked tendency to consider the pagoda a tourist attraction for the sake of bringing revenue to Auschwitz".

Bonn fights court case to deploy troops in Somalia

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE Bonn government yesterday deployed a full contingent of carefully-briefed ministers, army officers, civil servants and UN officials to persuade the constitutional court that German troops should be able to take part in an international peacekeeping mission in Somalia.

If the court rules in the government's favour, German ground troops will embark on their first postwar operation outside the Nato area. If the court decides in favour of the Social Democratic opposition, which has taken the case to the court, the soldiers will stay at home and Bonn's participation in global policing will be thrown into question.

Chancellor Kohl, advised that the court might well come down against the government, has wheeled heavy political artillery into the courtroom. Yesterday Klaus Kinkel and Volker Rühe, the foreign and defence ministers, and Friedrich Bohl, the chancellery minister, were all pleading Bonn's case.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general — on an official trip to Bonn today — has offered to attend but will probably be represented by his deputy, Vladimir Petrovsky.

From the UN garrison in Beledweyne, about 187 miles from Mogadishu, where the German troops will be stationed, Major-General Thomas Montgomery, the deputy commander of UN troops, added his support for Bonn: "All our plans are based on the arrival of the Germans." He said the UN mission would be seriously jeopardised without the Germans. That seemed to shake part of the Social Democrats' case, namely that other countries, not bound so strictly by their constitutions or laws, could easily replace the Germans, in their mission to secure supply routes for an Indian contingent.

Nonetheless, the Social Democrats seemed, from the tone of the judges' questioning, to have a reasonable chance of success. Their argument is simple: the violence in Somalia has reached such an intensity that the whole country must be regarded as a combat zone. Combat operations are forbidden by the German constitution. So the Germans should stay at home.

The government case is that the Somali deployment remains a humanitarian not a combat operation; that the Beledweyne area is quiet and that the German rules of engagement are very strict. They will use light arms only in self-defence and will not, unlike other contingents, be able to shoot their way through an enemy blockade in order to deliver aid.

This is an attempt to wriggle around the constitutional problem but it does place the German troops in a very vulnerable position. If Somali rebels know of the German restrictions, they will be an obvious target. And can German troops be pulled out if they are drawn into battle?

The parties are edging towards a longterm solution on these issues. One possibility is that each combat mission would be dependent on a two-thirds majority approval in parliament — that is, it must enjoy the active support of the Social Democrats.

For now, it is for the judges to decide whether Germans will be allowed to fight in Africa. Judgment is expected later this week.

Ciampi wins vote over TV

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

THE ITALIAN government, rocked by a disastrous showing in local elections, yesterday won a confidence vote in the Senate to push through reform of the state television corporation RAI and sweep aside 2,500 filibustering amendments by opposition parties.

Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister, said the decision had been taken so as not to delay consideration of the electoral reform bill, endorsed in a referendum in April.

The RAI reform bill, already passed by the Chamber of Deputies, is aimed at ridding the three state television channels of party control. RAI's first channel has been a fiefdom of the Christian Democrat party; the second channel was controlled by the Socialist party, and the third by the former communist Democratic Party of the Left, the largest opposition grouping.

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Japan presses for big reduction in G7 aid for Russia

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ **Cracks are appearing in the G7's economic cohesion. In the countdown to the summit next month, fears are growing that world leaders may achieve little in Tokyo**

JAPAN'S foreign minister, Kabun Muto, has condemned as "preposterous" an American proposal for a $4-billion (£2.6-billion) privatisation fund for Russia in comments which threaten to undo the cohesion of the Group of Seven's economic strategy towards Russia.

His remark highlights the strain in US-Japan relations, and also underlines the split among G7 nations over international economic policy and aid to Russia in particular. It bodes ill for the G7 Tokyo summit in two weeks' time. Following close after Japan's domestic political crisis, the summit looks increasingly likely to degenerate into another expensive photo opportunity, similar to the much-criticised G7 summit in Munich last year.

Mr Muto said the $4-billion Russian privatisation fund proposed by the Clinton administration earlier this year should be scaled down to $500 million "or a bit less". He was speaking at the foreign and finance ministers meeting in Tokyo in April. "I rejected the US proposal, saying it was preposterous," he said. Specifically, he argued that "the privatisation scheme will never work well unless employers and middle managers understand the mechanism of a market economy. Time is needed to educate them and teach them techniques."

Japan's minimalism on foreign aid contrasts sharply with America's generosity. Most American commentators would consider President Clinton's policies towards Russia as the single most successful policy initiative of his administration.

Despite Mr Muto outspokenness, Japanese diplomats went out of their way to assure the West that Japan's political difficulties will not affect its international policies, a view met with some disbelief in Washington. "If any countries are worried, I would like to say they need not be," a Japanese official in Tokyo said, adding that "our foreign policy and economic policy will not change".

Pressed on the impact of Japan's political upheavals on the Tokyo summit, President Clinton acknowledged the difficulties lay ahead. In a response to a question in a radio interview, he said: "It is going to be a challenge to get a lot done at this summit, but I'm convinced we can." He also said that whoever ended up being prime minister in Japan would have to make strong efforts "to open their economy to our products".

But the political uncertainty is almost certain to delay the conclusion of critical US-Japan trade negotiations over a medium-term trade framework agreement, which is now unlikely to be concluded ahead of the G7 summit.

More than 40 rebel parliamentarians led by Tsutomu Hata, the former finance minister, resigned en masse from the ruling party yesterday in order to form a new centrist opposition group today. This latest and biggest defection strips the LDP of its majority in the decision-making Lower House as it stumbles into the general election set for July 18.

In Washington, Arthur Alexander, president of the Japan Economic Institute, said that the political turmoil in Tokyo would mean at best delays in the short-term but possibly a period of prolonged uncertainty.

In a reference to the forthcoming summit, Mr Alexander said: "We cannot expect any major commitments from Japan this time."

Mr Muto's outspokenness was on show yesterday as he addressed a seminar of business leaders. Jokingly, Mr Muto said that the ruling party would stand a better chance in next month's elections if Mr Miyazawa dropped dead. His audience burst out laughing.

☐ **London:** High-risk nuclear plants in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union could be closed if the governments of those countries really wanted to, a leaked report prepared for the G7 summit concludes. The chances are, however, that the countries concerned do not want to do so (Nigel Hawkes, science editor, writes).

Closing the most dangerous plants in Armenia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Russia, Slovakia and Ukraine would not leave people freezing in the dark, the expert group who prepared the report says. The 20,651 megawatts of capacity lost — about half the nuclear generation in these six countries — could be replaced by gas-fired plants and by using electricity more efficiently.

Miyazawa: his defeat bodes ill for the summit

Assault course: women police move in on would-be terrorists in a security dress rehearsal for the G7 summit in Tokyo. About 800 special forces personnel will be drafted in to protect leaders of the world's leading economic powers during the July meeting

China plays human rights card to win Olympics bid

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

CHINA has adopted a policy of "safe" persecution of political dissidents: handling them gently only if they are known internationally. Recent arrests and releases in Peking and Shanghai and the relative restraint of the security forces during the Tibet uprising last month illustrate the new tactics.

The reason is simple: international pressure. China is desperate to stage the Olympic Games in 2000 and is only somewhat less eager to be admitted to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Also, there are officials, some quite senior, who think that the kind of oppression so long recorded by Amnesty International is counter-productive in terms of international perceptions of China and are not necessary for the security of the regime.

John Kamm, a Hong Kong-based American businessman who frequently visits China to facilitate the release of political prisoners, said: "It's still an evil system. But there are guys in China who can be appealed to. Some are cynical; some are really aware there is such a thing as universal human rights and that it's not just how any particular country defines them. There's a growing attitude of 'What if we let them all out? What have we got to fear?'

"And the Olympics are a great motivation. Someone has told them that if they continue to hold Catholic bishops and priests the Pope will see to it that they can kiss the Olympics goodbye."

Now and then China releases a long-term prisoner, such as Xu Wenli, a pamphleteer from Peking's short-lived Democracy Wall in 1980, who was freed just before President Clinton made his decision on whether to continue China's most favoured nation trading status. The authorities say the man exhibited contrition.

There remain many thousands, probably tens of thousands, of political prisoners in China. But, like the Soviet Union not long ago, Peking realises these men and women are bargaining chips for international favours.

☐ **Peking:** China said yesterday that the committee to oversee the takeover of Hong Kong would be made up of 57 members, more than half of them from Hong Kong (Catherine Sampson writes). Further details are expected to emerge during the standing committee meeting of China's National People's Congress, which convened yesterday.

Haitians fail to halt UN embargo

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WARREN Christopher, the US Secretary of State, said yesterday that United Nations trade sanctions against Haiti should go into effect later today, despite the offer by General Raoul Cedras, Haiti's military chief, to meet Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the country's exiled president.

General Cedras, who for months has resisted UN sponsored talks to restore democracy, made the concession in a brief letter to Dante Caputo, the UN negotiator. The letter also appealed to the UN to halt the oil and arms embargo due to take effect at midnight. But it failed to satisfy UN negotiators, who want to see concrete evidence of the military's willingness to restore democratic rule before calling off the sanctions.

Mr Christopher's continued support for sanctions followed the decision of the US Supreme Court to uphold President Clinton's policy of intercepting Haitian refugees at sea and sending them home without hearing their requests for political asylum in America.

There was anger at the court's ruling from refugee support groups. Rolande Dorancy, director of the Haitian Refugee Centre in Miami, described the ruling as a death sentence on many Haitians. "Coast Guard vessels are stopping people fleeing persecution and returning them to a country where they're going to be killed," he said.

Baku remains calm as rebels stroll to power

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BAKU

■ **Defections by government troops smoothed the rebels' path to victory in Azerbaijan. But the ousted president fears his return would spark violence in the capital**

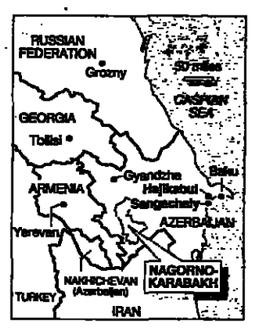
PRESIDENT Elchibey of Azerbaijan yesterday refused to return to the capital, Baku, from which he fled last week as rebel troops approached. He said that his return would trigger clashes with the rebels.

For a week now, observers in Baku have been waiting for the rebels to enter the town, but when they finally did so yesterday it was in the most undramatic fashion. Small groups of rebels could be seen eating in restaurants, strolling and talking with government forces. Indeed, the rebels have talked, not fought all the way from their base in Gyandzha in the west of the country to Baku, persuading one government unit after another to defect to them.

Citizens in Baku have reacted to the crisis with astonishing calm, and very few seem afraid of violence in the city. However, the main rebel forces, heavily armed, are waiting just outside the town, and Heidar Aliyev, the acting president, said yesterday that Surat Husseinov, the rebel leader, "cannot control all his troops. Some may carry out illegal acts".

Some of the rebel forces, veterans of the long struggle with Armenia in the bleak mountains of Nagorno-Karabakh, might welcome the chance for a bit of looting. One factor in the extraordinary speed with which the rebellion has won over the Azerbaijani army is resentment among the front-line troops at what they see as the corruption and cowardice of the capital, packed with draft-dodgers and black marketeers.

The main fear, however, is that the rebels will attack offices and leaders of President Elchibey's Popular Front in the capital, as they have done in several of the areas they have captured. Arif Rahimov, the Popular Front's deputy chairman, said yesterday that in all the areas controlled by the rebels Popular Front officials and members have been arrested and sent to Mr Husseinov's headquarters in Gyandzha, a statement which local rebels have themselves confirmed to Western journalists. Mr Rahimov also claimed that three Popular Front members had been killed by rebels in the past two days, though there is no independent confirmation of this.



Mr Rahimov said, however, that the Popular Front would use only "peaceful and democratic means" to defend the president and the constitution if Colonel Husseinov seizes power. He spoke of demonstrations and strikes.

Some armed Popular Front activists appear to have gone underground, but in general support for the front now seems very weak. Only a few hundred students attended a demonstration at the Baku university in support of the president yesterday.

A much more typical popular attitude was represented by an office worker, Hussein Shadmanov, who said: "I don't really care who comes to power, as long as they restore stability and peace."

Mr Aliyev yesterday continued his negotiations with Col Husseinov, and appealed to President Elchibey to return. If he does not, a parliament may be summoned to impeach him.

The impression is growing, however, that Mr Aliyev, an old communist apparatchik with no experience of military rebellions, may be seriously out of his depth in dealing with Col Husseinov, who now holds all the military cards. However, Mr Aliyev does not control the military, but nor does Colonel Husseinov control most of the large areas his small forces have overrun. In most areas, however, real control has been taken by the former communist elite.

Erdal Inonu, Turkey's acting prime minister, yesterday rejected Col Husseinov's action as illegitimate. "Elchibey is still president but someone else is going around claiming he has power. This is not a normal situation that can continue," Mr Inonu said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ciller to sell off industry

Istanbul: Tansu Ciller, prime minister-designate of Turkey, is reported to have reached agreement on a government programme to sell off unprofitable state industries which account for almost 40 per cent of GNP but cost the country £4.5 billion a year (Andrew Finkel writes).

Mrs Ciller may look for an opening for an early poll before she takes the unpopular step of tackling the bloated public sector. The coalition also moved towards recognising Kurdish cultural autonomy by opening the way for Kurdish broadcasts.

Hani trial

Johannesburg: Tight security will be in force today when the trial begins of three people accused of murdering Chris Hani, the South African Communist Party leader. Right-wingers and militant blacks plan to stage demonstrations.

Trade ties grow

Taipei: Taiwan will establish trade offices in China to handle the rapid growth in economic ties, the island's external trade development council said. They would be Taiwan's first semi-governmental offices on the mainland. *(Reuter)*

Council to meet

Lagos: The national defence and security council meets today to discuss Nigeria's political crisis. The meeting will coincide with an appeal court hearing on a lower court order that blocked the release last week of final election results. *(Reuter)*

US pays tribute to Nixon's loyal First Lady

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AMERICANS yesterday relived the Nixon years as they absorbed the news that Richard Nixon's First Lady, Pat, had died of lung cancer.

But instead of "Tricky Dicky", the bombing of Cambodia or the painful Watergate episode, they reflected on the fact that Pat Nixon came from another age: that of the steadfast, loyal and silent presidential wife.

There could hardly be a greater contrast between the outspoken, political activism of Hillary Rodham Clinton, whose husband has given her the massive task of organising health care reform, and the quiet, uncomplaining role played by Mrs Nixon over the years as she stood at Mr Nixon's side.

A 1982 survey of historians ranked Mrs Nixon next to last in a list of notable president's wives, yet Gallup polls conducted over nearly three decades showed her to be one of the country's most admired women.

She died at home in Park Ridge, New Jersey, at the age of 81. Former President Nixon who is 80, and the couple's two daughters, Tricia Cox and Julie Eisenhower, were with her when Mrs Nixon died at 5.45am, one day after her 53rd wedding anniversary. She had suffered for years from bronchial and lung infections and last February went into hospital with emphysema. Unknown to the public, she smoked in private, according to American reports yesterday.

The funeral on Saturday will be conducted by the Rev Billy Graham, a family friend for many years, at the Nixon library in Yorba Linda, California, followed by internment in the grounds of the library, the site of Mr Nixon's birth.

The public's esteem was apparently based on her courage in adversity and her devotion to family. Yet, for whatever reason, she was never given the credit she deserved, said her press secretary, Helen Smith, in announcing the death.

Mrs Nixon typified the American woman of the fifties, pert, perfectly turned out, sacrificing herself for family and husband, never crossing swords and yet, as Washington was to discover somewhat guiltily, suffering all the turbulence and ultimate disgrace of Watergate as keenly as Mr Nixon himself.

Mrs Nixon's health was already faltering when the couple boarded the helicopter that carried them into political exile after his resignation over Watergate in August 1974. Two years later, she suffered a major stroke three days after reading *The Final Days*, an account of the scandal that portrayed her harshly as a drinker and a recluse.

Pat Nixon with her husband in 1972: he wrote her epitaph, "She also ran"

Mr Nixon said bitterly: "This doesn't indicate that the book caused the stoke, but it sure didn't help." She made a partial recovery through intensive exercise and physical therapy, but another stroke and a series of illnesses followed.

Mrs Nixon was so self-effacing that White House reporters unkindly nicknamed her "Plastic Pat". She resisted pressures to be an assertive First Lady in the mould of Eleanor Roosevelt or Lady Bird Johnson, preferring instead to guard her privacy.

Although she responded warmly to crowds on trips at home and overseas, she did not seek the limelight after it was doused. She remained by Mr Nixon's side as he worked to restore his reputation, moving with him from California back to New York, but was never seen at the small dinners he gave for his old associates.

A portrait of Mrs Nixon as an astute and enquiring partner came from Henry Kissinger, who knew her from his days as National Security Adviser and Secretary of State. He said: "She was an extraordinarily supportive first lady. She kept herself informed through her husband and offered her opinions in a firm, clear manner.

"She was always an interested participant without pushing herself into the conversation. She was particularly good in her judgment of people."

For all that, Mr Nixon displayed little affection for her in public, a restraint that was thought to add to her secret hurt. He even forgot to mention her, while profusely praising his late mother, during his rambling, final address of thanks to White House officials and staff on the day of his resignation.

But he did remember the stoic Pat with a phrase that could serve as her epitaph. In the dedication to *Six Crises*, the first of his nine books, Mr Nixon wrote: "To Pat — she also ran."

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We are all responsible for the child crime wave on our streets because we fail to introduce them to more innocent pleasures

Stolen moments of childhood

MARGOT NORMAN

At around 4.40pm last Sunday I was burgled again. I know the time because I left the house at 4.30 and returned three hours later to find a note on the door from the police, timed 4.47pm. Since I'd only been burgled in broad daylight in the first place because I'd been foolish *enough to leave a note — not on the* door (I'm not that daft) — but discreetly hidden by a row of milk bottles on the doorstep for a friend who was likely to call while I was out, I suppose I should have been thankful the little blighters only broke in once that afternoon.

That they were little blighters was certain, not only because the average age of burglars round here has come down to about 12-and-a-half, but also because they had broken a smallish pane of glass in a ground-floor *front* window, slipped into the playroom and found nothing of great interest among the teddy bears and Lego, set off the alarm by opening the door into the hall, thereby giving themselves a mighty fright, and slipped out again sharpish through the broken window.

Nothing appeared to be missing, but the rugs were all rucked up in *the manner of a Tom and Jerry* cartoon, and there were policemen's footprints in the garden. The cat was cowering in a corner, tail still like a bottle brush, because as the policeman who came round later explained, he had bundled an Alsatian through the window to investigate.

I was rather sorry to have missed the fun: six jolly coppers squeezed through after the dog with much puffing and blowing and then charged about showing *an empty house* who was boss. They're good at doing this. After one break-in they even brought a helicopter to zoom about over all our back gardens. When the show's over *they always say it* would make no difference if they caught the culprits, because there's nothing they and the courts can do about children. Then they always bow out politely with the same exit line: "If I were you, I'd move to the Home Counties."

Like hell I will. Am I going to be driven out of my home by a bunch of blasted kids? Just wait till I catch *them, and then I'll ... well, what will* I do? Strip them naked, douse them in anti-freeze and tie them to a lamppost, like the concerned citizens of Macclesfield who the other day decided to teach a young tearaway called Robert Sadler a lesson? To be honest, I can't see myself doing that. I can't even see myself catching them.

A few weeks ago my husband was peaceably watching the *Nine O'Clock News*, a foot away from an unshuttered window which was *in turn only a few feet away* from his car. It was dusk but not yet dark, and the two kids who crept up, smashed the car window, yanked out the telephone and scarpered must have seen him, brightly backlit by a table lamp, and hugged themselves with glee at their daring. All *he* saw when he instantly gave chase was two pairs of trainer-heels in the far distance.

I quite understand why the *Macclesfield vigilantes* (can we please drop that word, with its nasty Ku Klux Klan associations, and think of something more paternalistic?) wanted to humiliate the boy by circulating photographs of him tied to his lamppost. As things stand, the humiliation is all ours. We grown-ups are looking pretty silly, are we not, as we respond to all this mayhem with *hand-wringing, helicopters and* flight to the Home Counties?

As these yoblings manifestly have no stern father of their own to make them feel two inches high and truly sorry, we're going to have to find a way of overcoming our inability to catch them, and of making them stand still and listen. Either that, or we will have to find some other way of giving them a thrill in the dead time after school. In short, we're going to have to get involved in their lives.

Unlikely as this may sound, the street I live in ten minutes' walk from Hyde Park is actually rather nice. It is a row of pleasant houses with a Baptist Church at one end and at the other a pub, behind which loom several tall piles of council flats.

In this street live some good people who do get constructively involved. There's Geoff Biggs in the church youth club, packing them in three times a week, not with the limp lure of the usual youth club offering, a battered ping-pong table and a so-called youth leader who does nothing more than open the doors and then lock up afterwards, but with games and drama sessions in which they act out such scenes as parents, friends, sex and racism.

Can that really be as exciting as pinching car phones under their owners' noses? With Mr Biggs in charge, it seems it can. Any misbehaviour and he's down on them *like a ton of bricks* but they keep coming at least partly, I suspect, because that very authority shows that he, unlike their absent fathers and opted-out mothers, does indeed give a damn about them and what they do.

A few doors down there's the tireless Hugh Freeman, who for 30 years has run an adventure training scheme called Bremex, basing his whole career on channelling the energy and adventure-lust of those who might otherwise have become cowering yobs.

These two are "having a go" in the best sense, but they wish they weren't so alone. The rest of us stay in, fiercely guarding our leisure, our possessions, and the right to ignore the blasted kids out there.

It's pretty plain, isn't it? If vigilantes are distasteful and detention centres are training places for crime, then we'd all better devote an evening a week or the equivalent conscience money to keeping other people's kids out of mischief.

Sick and tired of politics

Stress on Michael Heseltine may have sparked his heart attack. Was he pushed too hard, **Robert Rhodes James** asks

Sick parade: (from top left, clockwise) Macmillan succumbed to a bad diagnosis; Eden to the slip of a surgeon's knife; Churchill survived a heart attack; as has modern Labour leader, John Smith

In the post-election euphoria of the Conservatives' return to office *in May 1979*, a group of us met in the smoking room of the House of Commons to celebrate our triumph and to exchange improbable accounts of the brilliance of our campaigns, our demosthenic oratory, and the flashing repartees that had cowed hecklers and inspired the faithful into admiring ecstasy. But then David Price chilled the exuberant atmosphere by remarking that, on past records, at least 12 MPs would be dead before the end of the parliament, "and they won't be the ones you expect".

The last House of Commons was exceptionally cruel in this respect. The sad loss of Judith Chaplain and Robert Adley *in this* parliament was wholly unexpected. Michael Heseltine certainly would not have appeared on a list of politicians likely to have even a mild heart attack.

> The life of a minister today is a nightmare, inconceivable less than 20 years ago

It is curious how little attention has been give to health factors by political historians. On the *positive side, there* are the examples of Gladstone, Palmerston and Churchill, whose careers were based upon prodigious mental and physical energy, and constitutions that gave them outstanding staying power and longevity. In each case it can be argued, however, that, politically, they all went on too long. Churchill's doctor, Lord Moran, who commented that he had inherited a huge capital and had spent it recklessly, had a point; his patient, of course, took little notice.

But Churchill's second premiership would certainly have ended with his stroke in June 1953 (of which the public had no knowledge, thanks to co-operative press magnates) were it not for the fact that his heir, Anthony Eden, was desperately ill after a botched relatively minor operation on his gallbladder in April, when his bile duct was cut, and he nearly died. Perhaps too much has been made of the long term effects this had, but if that operation had not failed so dismally, Eden would have been able to assume the premiership in 1955 in his mental and physical *prime*.

Another key episode in modern political history, the formation of the National Government on the urgings of King George V in *August 1931, had a crucial health* aspect. Lloyd George was recovering from an operation, and was temporarily out of action; if he had not been, there would have been no coalition, as Baldwin, the architect of Lloyd George's downfall in 1922, would never have been in government with him again.

Churchill's own career might have been very different had it not been for his father's tragic decline and early death. Winston's son, Randolph, discovered the difficulties *when he* attempted a political career, and found himself in the dark shade of an enormous political oak. Randolph's attempts to emulate, indeed to exceed his father's consumption of alcohol were disastrous to his health, and the early influence of *Churchill's greatest* friend, Lord Birkenhead, was decidedly unhelpful. Indeed, Birken*head is one of the remarkably few* politicians who can justifiably be said to have killed himself with drink.

When I first entered the House of Commons in 1955, politics was very much a heavy drinking profession, and it was a topic of dispute among us division clerks whether it was worse to take the Tories in the ten o'clock vote, reeking of port, brandy and cigars, or Labour, where the preference was for beer, whisky and cigarettes. But it did not seem to do them much harm: they were a jolly lot, and a highly talented one, also. Current politicians are, in contrast, serious and abstemious, and the smoking room, which used to be the hub of the Commons, is usually deserted. With all respect to the present House, I do not detect any improvement in the quality of debate or the efficient dispatch of business. — indeed, the reverse.

Ramsay MacDonald was virtually senile when he was prime minister between 1931 and 1935; Baldwin in 1935-6 was not the Baldwin of the 1920s, slipping into old age without noticing it, and, in the crucial summer of 1936 suffering what was, in effect, a nervous breakdown.

The post-war Labour government had at its head tired and unwell men who had served in office throughout the war, and particularly Attlee, Stafford Cripps, and Ernest Bevin; the latter both died in the lifetime of that government, by which time Attlee was in hospital for treatment for a duodenal ulcer; it was while he was in St Mary's in 1951 that Nye Bevan made his disastrous *demarché*, followed by his resignation. Attlee always believed that he could have prevented it had he been well; his successor as Labour leader, Hugh Gaitskill, had suffered heart problems at the end of the war, and never looked at all healthy, and to me his sudden death, although a heavy blow, was not a shock.

There was some irony in the fact that whereas Eden's career had been shadowed by a bungled operation, Macmillan's was ended by an excessively gloomy medical prognosis.

The strains, and resultant stresses, of politics now are infinitely greater than they used to be. Parliament sits much longer and later; constituents are far more demanding; the paperwork confronting a modern minister and the diligent backbencher would have appalled their predecessors; they did not have to cope with a sensation hungry popular press; but with the dignified and discreet — and in most cases deferential — political correspondents; they did not have local and national television, and their proceedings whether neither broadcast nor televised; if they travelled at all — and in my day House of Commons committees were not allowed to go abroad — it was for pleasure. The nightmare life of a minister today, who has European responsibilities as well as domestic, would have been inconceivable 20 years ago.

It is true that there are those who thrive on all this hurtling around, rushing to airports, attending interminable meetings in gloomy conference halls and ministerial offices, before rushing back to vote on some obscure matter; but it is certainly not healthy, and it should never be forgotten that in the past men have physically and mentally crumpled under strains far less than they have to endure. I hope that Michael Heseltine will devote more time to his beloved arboretum and another friend, John Smith, who also suffered a heart attack, will continue to relax on his Scottish mountain tops.

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Making sound business sense

Forget sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll: pop stars have their heart set on being tycoons

GABOR VARSZEGI is probably Hungary's leading entrepreneur. From his boardroom in Budapest he oversees Fotex, the country's largest home-grown enterprise. How did Varszegi learn the skills that have made his company worth $150 million in a country where only ten years ago all free enterprise was forbidden? Through playing rock 'n' roll.

Varszegi and his band, Gemini, topped the Hungarian charts 12 times at the height of the Communist regime. Everyone says he was a mediocre guitar player, but when it came to his other role as business manager, no one could fault him.

While his contemporaries were stifling all initiative in big, state-run bureaucracies, Mr Varszegi was hiring road crews and organising tours throughout the Eastern bloc. No wonder when the free market was introduced, he had a head start. "The first real enterprise in Hungary was rock music," he says.

Varszegi's artistic rivals in the 1960s and 1970s are his business *adversaries today*. Laszlo Benko, now an executive at Hungaratron records, started out with Omega, one of the Eastern bloc's biggest bands. Publisher Sarolta Zalatnay was one of the biggest stars of the era, with her song *I Am Not A Nun*. Bela Nemenyi is the exclusive importer of BMWs and Yamaha music equipment, but was once the lead singer of Atlantis.

Hungary is not the only country where teen idols have metamorphosed into tycoons. For every rock star on the road, there is another who is opening a nightclub. Roger Daltrey of *The Who* once said he hoped he died before he grew old. Now 48, he owns a fish farm in Dorset. Paul McCartney once sang that he didn't care too much for money. Today his estimated fortune is £400 million, the result not only of penning some catchy melodies, but of netting a string of publishing deals.

According to Colin Larkin, editor of *The Guinness Encyclopaedia of Popular Music*, most rock stars' financial successes have little to do with business acumen, more with choosing the right financial adviser. "I don't know of any talented musicians who make their own decisions. They are too busy creating wonderful music."

Mr Larkin is convinced that no one goes into music for the money. "Some people are attracted by the whole rock 'n' roll ethos of having *girls fall at their feet* and staying in swanky hotels. But the motivation for 99 per cent of the bands has always been the music. For every star leading the good life, there are hundreds who never *made it*."

The sharpest dealers, he says, are often the worst musicians. Dave Clark, the drummer with 1960s heart-throbs the Dave Clark Five made millions by buying the rights to the *Ready, Steady Go* archives. "He wasn't a very good drummer and he didn't sing much but he had an astute business brain. He never took drugs and when the band outlived their natural life, he laughed all the way to the bank."

Branson, Daltrey and McCartney

Daniel Lycett of Stock, Aitken and Waterman, the record company responsible for launching scores of one-hit wonders, says: "There are two very different types of artists. Some are not interested in money and simply want to make records and enjoy themselves. Others ask us questions all along the line. They demand to sit in meetings and go to the pressing plant and learn about the business."

The people who have profited most from pop have been those on its fringes. Richard Branson started with a record mail-order service and progressed steadily to his current wealth of around £475 million.

According to Mick Brown in his biography *Richard Branson: The Inside Story*, Branson triumphed because he capitalised on the needs of that seeming contradiction: the hippy consumer. "People did not stop buying things. It (hippiedom) simply changed the things there were to buy, and meant they had to be sold in a different way."

Rather than being financial geniuses, many rock stars are quitenaive. Bros, the teenage pop duo whose first album sold two million copies in the late 1980s, had a Hindenburg-like fall from grace when they managed to blow all the profits on first-class air fares and sports cars.

Not now, though. These days record companies dole out weekly pocket money to the teen sensations of the moment such as Take That and East 17 to prevent similar débâcles.

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French flair v British grunge

British bodies are simply not made for our erratic summer climate. In contrast, reports Alice Thomson, the French have effortlessly mastered the art of shining in the sun

On a sunny afternoon this week, balding men in khaki shorts, socks and brogues were slurping strawberries and cream over their shirt fronts, mothers were yanking grey bra straps onto their sunburnt shoulders and teenage girls were oozing out of their suede skirts as they pulled up their laddered black tights. Welcome to Wimbledon and the Great British season.

The British have never quite mastered how to dress for the summer. Should a woman wiggle uncomfortably in stilettoes or wobble in flatties? Should she look fresh and summery, risking frostbite in a Liberty print?

Should her hemline cover her calves and should she get liposuction for her knees?. Then there are the men. Do they really want to look like over-grown school boys in pimpley caps and blazers, or like underfed squires in flannel bags hitched up by old school ties?

The French woman seems to have it sussed. She saunters down sweltering streets in a crisp white shirt and tapered trousers, a grosgrain jacket thrown over her shoulder and an immaculately clipped dog at her well-heeled shoes. Pausing for a drink at a café, she delicately crosses her newly waxed legs and balances a cigarette on her pouting lips while a man, French of course, in linen trousers and swinging a dinky handbag extends a manicured hand to light it for her.

How do the French manage it? The first British excuse must be the erratic weather, which often catches us unawares. Just as British women settle in for a rainy day, a scorching afternoon catches them hairy-legged and with make-up dribbling down their faces.

Isabel Clairmond, a buyer for Printemps department stores in Paris, says: "A French woman spends weeks pondering her perfect summer wardrobe and accessorising with Fogal, Hermes and Prada. English women survive on a mish-mash of winter coats and summer shorts and sneak thermal vests under their flowery dresses."

Then there are the events. Some British put up with warm Pimms and vegetables in plastic cups; chemical toilets; queues of cars; a basket of reeking curled sandwiches, leaking vacuum flasks and a sickly half-baked hangover. Others sit on pavements to consume, al fresco, drinks and exhaust fumes. But the French always start the season prepared. As soon as summer comes, the men pack their wives and children off to the Alps, Provence or Brittany while they nibble olives with their mistresses in quiet courtyard gardens on sultry nights.

The French authorities have never had to ban stained T-shirts, baggy leggings or fuchsia pink; the French just do not wear them. Nor do they wear shorts in the capital, old Barbours in the rain or look constantly apologetic. "Style is something we take very, very seriously," says Perrine Pasco, a French journalist married to an newly stylish Englishman.

> 'Style is something the French take very, very seriously'

"If you want to be attractive to the opposite sex then you must take an intelligent interest in what you wear. This also applies to men and women who have been married for 20 years. We would not wander around in those shapeless garden trousers and batty English hats."

As soon as French babies learn to nibble at their mothers pearls they are taught about the seemingly effortless French style. By the age of eight the girls are sent off to the local *ecole de beauté* to learn how to apply discreet make-up and pluck their eyebrows. By 12, they have had their moustaches electrolysised so they do not glint in the sunlight, learnt to press their school uniforms and have had "the" haircut. Traditionally, British girls spend their summers pushing back flowing hair with their sweaty palms and British boys cover spotty foreheads with lanky fringes, but the French always have a sharp cut.

Most pear-shaped English bodies are not really made for summer. While Londoners panic about their rubbery thighs sticking together in the heat and the sweat from their armpits dribbling onto their protruding stomachs if they dare to sunbathe in Hyde Park, Parisians mince about in petite size bikinis by the banks of the Seine applying cellulite cream (a French invention) to their bodies. Rather than flexing unwanted muscles in gyms, or ruining their ankles by jogging, French women have mastered the art of binge fasting. Never be deluded by that svelte Frenchwoman who stuffs herself on chocolate truffles while wandering around the Louvre — she has probably eaten nothing else all day.

"As much as we like your dungarees and biker boots, we would rarely wear them unless they made us look feminine and feel good. You have Anglo-Saxon eccentricity, we have flair," says Zigi Herbau, a fashion student in Paris.

There is only one problem with the French summer. It is all so rigorously codified that they never seem to have any fun. Everyone has to conform to that year's look and wear a "uniform" matching their aspirations within French society.

And this summer, British girls have had their revenge with grunge, the knit-your-own cheesecloth and flares look. Grunge is this year's fashion fad both sides of the Channel and is driving French society mad. Just as they have taught their daughters to respect the wonderful seams of *haute couture*, French women are being asked to shop at flea markets and place crocheted caps over their coiffeured hair.

And then of course there is cleanliness. The British may look harassed and sweaty, but according to a survey yesterday more underwear and soap is bought here than in any other country in Europe. Appearances can be deceptive.

ROS DRINKWATER

GEOFF ROWEN

Chic and cheerful: the simple elegance found in Cannes (left) and high-fashion grunge worn in London

Damp squib in the quad

It's Eights week or thereabouts, and time for the last of the Oxford commemoration balls. Numbers are down this year, with students chanting a familiar litany about high costs and low grants. Stuff and nearly all nonsense. The real reason, I'm sure, for the waning popularity of the "Commems" is that they make such lousy parties.

The root of the trouble is the double ticket — you cannot buy a single. Double tickets mean that, like the animals in the Ark, everybody has to attend two-by-two. Moreover, students are forced into pairs long before they are ready (tickets must be bought in advance or you are penalised with higher prices) thus enforcing temporary monogamy for couples from the moment they agree to go together.

When there, the rows begin. June is too cold for women to be happy in their (invariably hired) ball-dresses, so the effect is ruined by lovelies borrowing their partner's DJ (he then freezes too.) It invariably seems to rain. Even if it doesn't, the college quads are too squidgy for high heels. The evening lasts too long and even Marilyn Monroe, had she danced in the city of dreaming spires, would have looked dreadful in the survivors' photo.

RACHEL KELLY

Through all this partners must remain surgically attached, not least for fear of losing each other among the cloisters. Such is the size of Oxford colleges and the numbers who now attend, they would be unlikely ever to find each other.

Some enchanted evening/ You may see a stranger/ You may see a stranger across a crowded room. Gone is the point of parties — the chance to meet a stranger and, especially, to meet one when young. Contraception has meant that the young these days are an item almost as soon as they have finished their first dinner date: and fear of Aids has meant that they remain so. Moral opprobrium is reserved for those who trangress the new codes of values that forbids dating three or four men even if you are unmarried.

The irony is that Oxford balls are perfect for those who have long since left. There is no problem with them being in couples. Many old boys and girls will already be married. The beginnings of middle age can be perfectly jazzed up by the excitement of a good bash.

But the young student should not rush into being effectively married before walking up the aisle, nor should balls institutionalise the practice. The American prom has much to recommend it as a role model. High-school kids do not have to pair up with anyone or, if they do, the likelihood is that they will choose a partner the night before in splendid eleventh-hour negotiations. The American custom of "cutting in" is also sensible — where a new partner "cuts in" on the dance floor to shake up the dancing partners.

Even the Edwardians realised what makes a good party. At their dinner-parties before dances, the convention was that the men were obliged to dance with all the women.

Some colleges have already taken steps in the right direction. Balliol and Lincoln, I believe, have deformalised their balls, renaming them Events (though this seems a shame), reducing the price and abolishing the double ticket. The possibility of being a genuinely bright young thing rather than acting as though you are on your twentieth wedding anniversary has returned. A rite of passage has been restored.

Yet the traditional Commem should remain for Oxonians who have left. The whingeing would cease, the cost would not matter, and a new rite of passage would be created.

The contest for everyone

Daniel Johnson sets the scene for the great chess match and explains how to watch it live

At play: artist's impression of the championship under way in the Savoy Theatre

Who says chess is not a spectator sport? In any contest, mental athleticism is at least as impressive to the intelligent person as mere physical prowess. There are few games in which luck is so negligible a factor. The rules of chess are probably easier to learn and certainly more logical than those of tennis, cricket or indeed most other games.

For most children and adults who learn the moves, to delve deeper is irresistible. For anyone who has even an inkling of the finer points, a world championship match is the most exciting contest imaginable — the concentrated aggression of a Wimbledon centre court final, played against the clock, multiplied by 24 games over two months, uninterrupted by weather.

On September 7, Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov will sit down on the stage of the Savoy Theatre, in London, to contest *The Times* World Chess Championship. What will it be like?

In the past, organisers have tended to neglect creature comforts. When in 1843 (long before the world champion had any official status) an Englishman became the best in the world, the scenes at Howard Staunton's match against the French champion P C F de Saint-Amant were tumultuous: "Such was the anxiety of the public to witness the skill of Mr Staunton and the heroic resistance of Saint-Amant, that both parties suffered terribly from the heat, and gendarmes had to be posted at the club doors to refuse further admittance," says a contemporary report.

Pictures of matches and tournaments of the Victorian era often show onlookers crowding round boards. Only gradually were grandmasters able to impress upon their patrons the necessity of separating spectators from players, maintaining silence, and other basic conditions.

Of course, some interventions from the audience were not unwelcome. When the American grandmaster Frank Marshall won a famous game with a spectacular queen sacrifice, he was showered with gold coins. There was a similarly charged atmosphere at the great St Petersburg tournament in 1914, when the world champion Emanuel Lasker defeated his younger rival José Raul Capablanca: "That Black's position was in ruins was obvious to the veriest tyro," wrote Lasker later. "And now Capablanca turned over his king. From the several hundred spectators there came such applause as I have never experienced in all my life as a chess player. It was like the wholly spontaneous applause which thunders forth in the theatre . . ."

By the time Lasker, who had been champion since 1894, lost to Capablanca in the 1921 world championship match at Havana, the modern era of world championship chess had arrived: hard-fought struggles between near-equals, with age and stamina often important factors. What has changed since 1921 are the conditions under which these prodigious intellectual exertions take place.

At the Kasparov-Short match, both players and spectators will find their whims catered for. Millions of chess fans will be able to watch the highlights free on Channel 4, which intends to devote 60 hours to the contest, and will be able to test their wits against Short and Kasparov by means of Predictamove, the prize game.

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To attend, you need to buy a chess bond. These include not only a seat in the theatre, but a whole package — souvenir certificate, programme, book, diary, and so on. Those who buy bonds before the end of July will receive a free meal at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, which is 100 yards from the theatre.

Bonds cost between £45 and £150 for each game, or £1,080 to £3,600 for debentures which entitle an individual or company to seats at all 24 games. For £140, the Savoy Hotel is offering dinner at one of its restaurants plus a ticket, while Simpson's offers lunch or dinner and a seat for £105, or £138 for both meals.

Inside the Savoy Theatre, newly restored after the fire of 1990, the match will take place on alternate days between 3.30pm and 9.30pm. The main auditorium is one of the glories of 1920s London architecture, a lustrous Art Deco confection glistening with aluminium leaf. Spectators will be given a complementary glass of champagne when they arrive; for subsequent refreshment there are four splendid bars, all with TV screens to show what is happening on stage.

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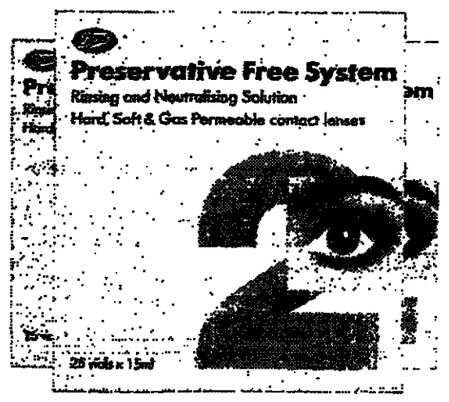

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Alan Coren

■ We'll teach you reasons to drink deep ere you depart

In my younger days, I used to wonder what my skeleton looked like. I can even pinpoint the spark which detonated this speculation: I was studying *Hamlet* at the time, or at least hitting Gerald Finch over the head with it, because he sat in front of me for O-level English, and Mr Hoskins, to whom Lady Luck had dealt Finch and me from the bottom of her deck, enquired why I had struck my colleague with a cornerstone of our culture, and rather than bring up a girl's name, for these were gallant days, I replied that we had been having an argument about the play. Oh really, he said, because he had not been born yesterday, what kind of argument, and I said I wanted to know how Hamlet knew the skull was Yorick's, all skulls look the same, and Finch said the clown told him, sir, and I said why would Hamlet believe a clown, I wouldn't sir, I might believe a clown if he told me how much water got poured into the average trouser, but would you believe anything a clown said to you in a cemetery, sir, and Mr Hoskins said not necessarily, and that is an interesting point, Coren, well, fairly interesting, I shall try to find out whether skulls look different from one another, Mrs Gibson might know, her brother was in the RAMC.

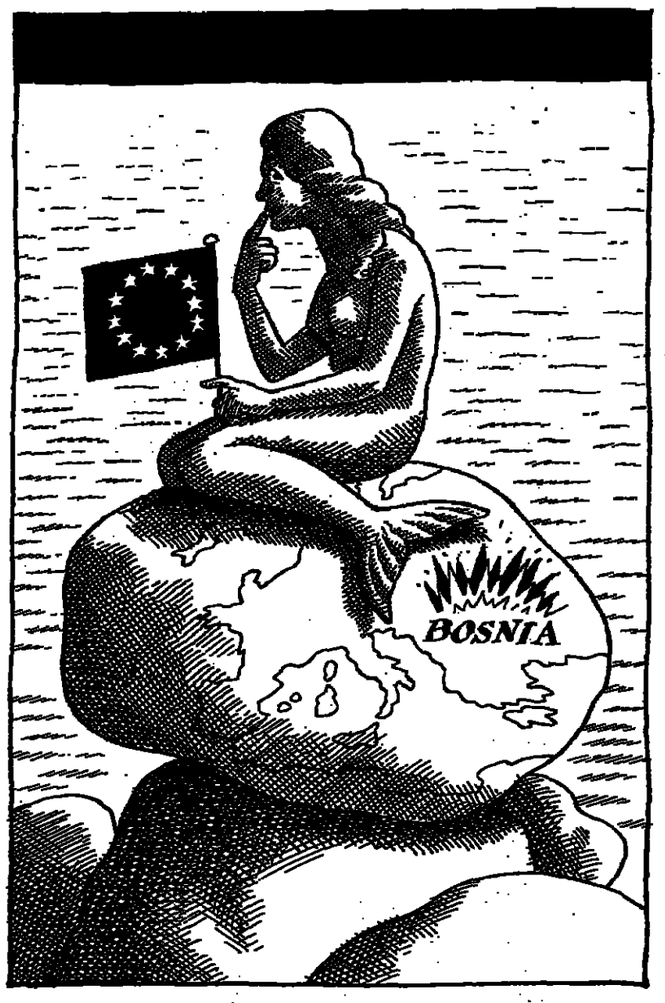
He never got back to me, and it was *Guy Mannering* the week after that, but the question of what skulls looked like remained inside mine for some years. Nor only skulls, but the entire osseous sub-frame: it bothered me that I should never see mine, except in X-rays, where it always appeared hilarious: there were all these little grey bones, apparently not joined together, one serious sneeze and your entire infrastructure would fall to the bottom of your legs, leaving you to spread across the floor like a deflating blimp. I don't know why skeletons should be funny, perhaps it is nature's way of palliating *timor mortis*; a few years ago I fell off a horse and the osteopath I went to see had a skeleton dangling from his ceiling, pretty comical in itself, but when he hit it with a stick to *indicate which vetebra I had damaged it* started dancing, I laughed till it hurt, *i.e.* immediately, and the poor quack said to my wife, is he always like this or could it be concussion?

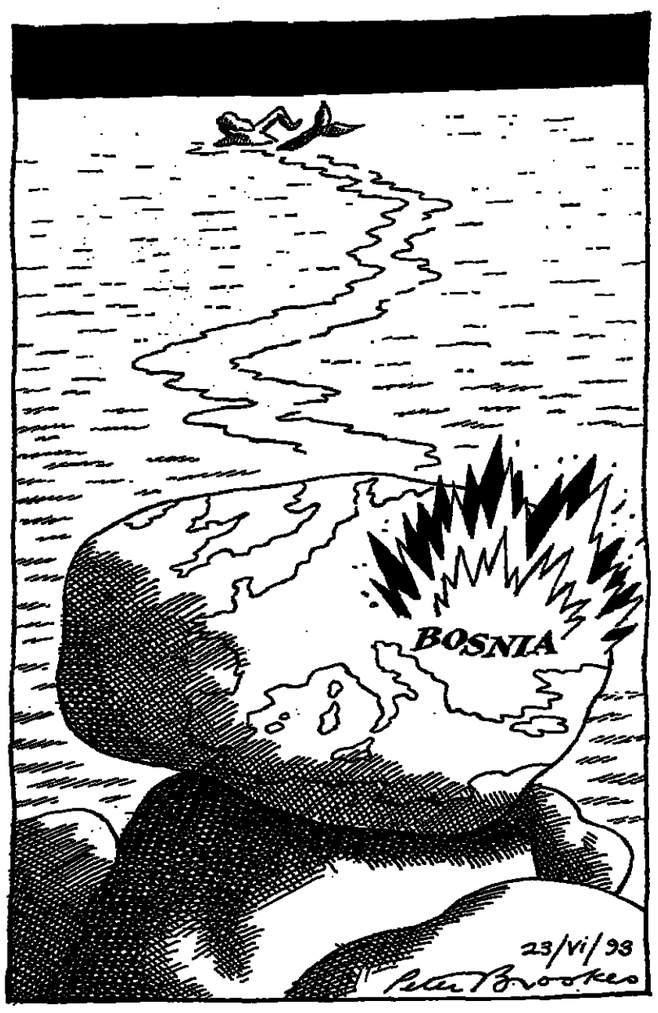
He said it because she's a doctor, which brings me to the June 5 issue of the *British Medical Journal*, a comic she regularly passes on to me in the forlorn hope of *bridging the marital gap, but for once it* contained an article worth the unequal struggle. Entitled "A prospective study of alcohol consumption and bone mineral density", by Troy Holbrook and Elizabeth Barrett-Connor of the University of California, it concluded that heavy drinkers had stronger skeletons than teetotallers. Even better, while drinking strengthened bones, exercise weakened them; *i.e.* provided you eschewed jogging in favour of slumping in front of *Cheers* with a large Scotch, you could advance happily into old age knowing you contained a skeleton on which Eiffel himself could not have improved.

Not surprisingly, this lifted the spirits no end (oh, please, today's is a scientific treatise, if you want puns *come back next Wednesday), especially since* I could not remember the last time my lifestyle had received anything but an admonitory caning from the medical establishment: it is normally impossible for me to open a paper without reading that everything I do is lopping years off my life, unless I start fell-walking and eating a daily stone of bran I shall not see Christmas, so you may imagine my joy at learning that tipsy inertia was good for you.

And my wretchedness at subsequently discovering that it was not. For Troy and Elizabeth, canny as any hack, had saved the twist for the tail; arriving at their closing paragraphs and poised for statistical evidence that these strong bones of ours were proof against geriatric breakage, I found all hope summarily dashed. Can you guess why? Of course. "Studies of fractures and alcohol consumption are confounded by other risk factors, including increased likelihood of impaired vision and falling."

Alas, poor Yorick! A' may have pour'd a flagon of Rhenish on your head once, he always liked a drop, he had bones like pikestaffs, but a fat lot of good they did him the night he walked right off the Elsinore battlements. Thought he saw a ghost, they say.





Continental rift

Basic divisions between Major and Delors over the way to rescue Europe from recession can no longer be ignored

Simon Jenkins

The Great European Fog briefly cleared in Copenhagen this week to reveal two great ships steaming across a moonlit sea. Their lights were blazing, their passengers dancing. The crews had believed that they were side by side. They were not. They were miles apart. The Fog returned.

No, not Bosnia. Yesterday Europe's leaders squabbled over Bosnia as a relief from the choices revealed to them the *day before. Monday's summit clash* between John Major and Jacques Delors over the European economy was almost a hallucination. Neither man is much given to theorising. The one had Asil Nadir on his mind, the other had sciatica, both painful afflictions. But the great conflict continues, disguised this time as Mr Delors' eight-point plan for European recovery and John Major's emphatic rejection of it. Diplomats hastily spoke of "a wide measure of agreement between them". But there is no agreement. There is a tectonic divide. Both cannot be right.

Let us take M Delors' plan first. He pointed out that America has created three times more new jobs than Europe in the past two decades. The EC's share of world trade has fallen by 10 per cent since 1980. The EC's manufacturing labour costs are now 20 per cent higher *than in America and Japan. Yet the* Delors answer is breathtaking. It stands economics on its head. Europe's lack of competitiveness is to be countered by raising taxes and labour costs yet further.

The eight points lack rhetorical flourish, such being the times we live in, but here they are: achieve economic union; complete the Uruguay round of tariff reduction; reform Europe's education and training; set up a continent-wide "development model"; entrench Europe's employment laws; spend 50 per cent more on research and development; spend £24 billion on transport and electronics infrastructure; spend £4 billion setting up a "common information area". The cost of the plan in a full year would be £33 billion, rising to £100 billion. No mention is made of meeting this cost.

What is refreshing about M Delors is that with no constituents to worry over, he can stay loyal to his ideology and implacable in his propaganda. It is unfair to dismiss him as "a typical socialist harking back to the 1960s", as British officials did on Monday. He is a French corporatist, which is quite different, élitist rather than egalitarian. He sees state institutions not as economic referees but as player-managers: *spending money, planning moves, scoring* goals, winning medals. Unemployment, he believes, is cured by pouring subsidy into depressed regions of Europe, in return for their accepting "social harmonisation", which means not undercutting rich regions. If you are too wimpish to raise personal taxes, M Delors told bemused democratic leaders in Copenhagen, then you must tax energy and primary resources instead. But never stop the taxes flowing: they are the lifeblood of a creative superstate.

To Mr Major this was appalling. He responded with a clear — and for once cliché-free — statement of opposition. He accepted M Delors' analysis of Europe's poor growth and trade prospects. *His quarrel was over* the cure.

Mr Major wants to attack costs by freeing industry of the restrictions *that M Delors' commission* imposes by the month. He was unequivocal: "Our labour costs are too high, our employment markets too rigid and our labour force not as adaptable and mobile as in the USA." The Delors plan, said a British official, "does nothing to improve the EC's competitiveness". The social chapter of Maastricht would make it worse. So would the failure to implement the single market, to which Delors nowadays pays only lip service.

At this very moment, says Mr Major, Brussels is fighting to force up Britain's industrial costs. Demands include the 48-hour week, the banning of most teenage jobs, restrictions on part-time work and the "acquired rights directive", granting a *de facto* right to a job to those affected by privatisation. Britain, says Brussels, must not be permitted to become the "coolie" of Europe. Britain replies that nothing in this plan makes Europe more competitive. It merely ensures that as the continent sinks down the world trade league, it sings farewell in unison.

To M Delors and his EC allies, all *these directives are vital to a civilised,* centralised Europe. While they see recession on all sides, like chateau generals under fire, they keep passing the port. The Danish foreign minister, Neils Helveg Petersen, was aghast at any criticism of the EC's super-welfare state. "I would not advocate anything that resembles the US model, where we see social problems, crime and inner-city hopelessness," he said. The French government wants ever tighter controls on immigration and trade, another form of cost inflation. President Mitterrand in Copenhagen openly demanded protection against low-cost foreign imports. The Germans may not like all of the Delors plan, but they are still behind the Maastricht social *chapter.*

The gulf between Britain and M Delors is still as wide it was when Margaret Thatcher was prime minister, and the Delors plan must surely force the other 11 states finally to take sides.

To M Delors, unemployment is an evil in itself, to be bought off with public money. To Mr Major unemployment is a symptom of a sluggish labour market, an opportunity, a resource for future growth. It will fall as the economy expands. It will fall faster if wages stay low and employers are left free to hire and fire. If Nissan is forced to double its wage costs in Europe, Peugeot may sell more cars locally, but it will not export them. Nissan will go and conquer world markets from Eastern Europe or elsewhere.

I see no virtue in M Delors' position. The American economy is passing through agonies at present, as it adjusts to competition from Mexico and the Far East. Washington is bloody with protectionist battles, but it is not so stupid as to consider raising labour costs — indeed in health care it is trying to cut them. America is a continent open to the world. It is too disparate, too undisciplined, too free, ever to lie down for long on the sort of feather bed now being plumped up by M Delors. Americans move. They innovate. They learn, they compete or they go hungry.

The reason Mr Major is right and M Delors wrong is not just good economics versus bad. It is tough politics against sloppy politics. The Community has had *one sound idea to promote Europe's* economic adjustment in the past decade: the 1992 single market. That market has yet to be implemented. On the other hand, Brussels has pressed on with higher taxes to meet higher spending on farms and regional aid. If only the commission had been led by a vigorous free-marketeer this past five years, what advances there might have been!

Edmund Burke was wrong when he said that "to tax and to please was not given to any man". It is given to Brussels, which takes the credit for spending, without incurring the odium of levying the tax. A superhighway in Scotland, a clearance project in the Midlands, a bridge in Cornwall are all festooned with emblems of gratitude to the EC. No such responsibility is declared when a factory is bankrupted by high taxes or *labour controls. M Delors recently* demanded more money from VAT. This extra revenue will cost him nothing. Spending it will be pure gain to Brussels. The gangrene of taxation is longer in taking hold.

Futurology has its uses. Of all the -isms that most beguile politicians, protectionism is the most seductive and the most dangerous. If Mr Major loses this argument and M Delors wins, I believe the EC will be forced to protect ever more of its industry from international competition, and will atrophy. Asians and Americans will trounce Europe around the world. The Danish foreign minister can insult the Americans; M Delors can boast the richest unemployed in the world; Paris can stall on GATT, but protection ultimately impoverishes both aggressor and victim.

At the turn of this century, the most vibrant economy in Europe was, believe it or not, Russia's. Communist protectionism brought down the shutters for half a century. But who knows what may happen in the next 50 years? Small wonder Europe's leaders ended their summit with heads buried in the Balkan sands.

Oval Office for sale

Martin Fletcher on the pitfalls of disclosure

Before Britain embarks on reform of political financing, it should look across the Atlantic. America has tried since the days of Richard Nixon to eliminate the influence of big money, and still has not succeeded.

The Watergate scandal was a result of, not the trigger for, the initial efforts. In 1971, Congress enforced full disclosure of all campaign donations. Just before the law took effect in April 1972, wealthy individuals and corporations poured *money into President Nixon's re-election* committee, giving him a "slush fund" of perhaps $60 to $90 million. As Watergate unfolded, Americans began to realise that theirs was a government for sale.

Further congressional action was inevitable. In 1974 and 1976, limits were imposed for the first time on contributions *to any congressional or presiden*tial candidate: $1,000 from individuals and $5,000 from pressure groups. Contributions from unions or corporations were barred. Contributions above $200 had to be disclosed. Remarkably, this new system worked — at least until the presidential election of 1984.

By then unions, corporations and wealthy individuals had discovered the inevitable loophole. They began giving contributions to the national parties. This so-called "soft money" was funnelled to state parties in key regions, which used it for activities such as voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives which directly benefited their congressional and presidential candidates. Though this violated the spirit of the law, both parties turned a blind eye. In last year's elections "soft money" contributions to the two parties totalled more than $80 million. The official spending limits on the Clinton and Bush presidential campaigns were $55 million each.

The Savings and Loan scandal was the ultimate example of how big money and influence-peddling can still subvert American democracy. By the mid-1980s, scores of deregulated Savings and Loan Societies, the rough equivalent of building societies, had gone from boom to bust. Their owners were some of America's biggest campaign contributors and lobbied to prevent their closure.

Five senators who had received a total of $1.4 million in contributions from Charles Keating, the owner of Arizona's Lincoln S&L, prevented federal regulators from closing down Lincoln until it finally collapsed at a cost to the taxpayer of $1.1 billion. Ultimately the S&L scandal is expected to cost taxpayers more than $300 billion.

Few Americans doubt that big money still buys political favours. With the reform of the health care system looming, the health care industry contributed $41 million to last year's congressional candidates. And with last year's winning senators spending an average of $3.8 million on campaigns ($549,000 in the House), few can choose whom they take money from. But donors as candid as Mr Keating are rare. Asked if he intended to enlist politicians for his cause, he said: "I want to say in the most forceful way I can: I certainly hope so."

The S&L scandal heralded the start of a new drive for campaign finance reform spearheaded by citizens' groups and boosted by Ross Perot's railing against lobbyists and special interests. It was a reform that candidate Clinton felt compelled to endorse, with the result that the Senate last week approved the toughest political financing legislation yet. Whether the House will pass the bill remains to be seen, but the Senate version bans "soft-money", ends contributions from pressure groups, attaches conditions to lobbyists' contributions and offers financial incentives to candidates who abide by voluntary spending limits.

Mr Clinton called this "a breakthrough in the fight to give the government back to the American people", but few believe it will end the problem. When political influence and large sums of money are at stake, rules will always be bent.

Diplomatic arts

LORD RIX, the former *farceur* and until this month chairman of the Arts Council's drama panel, had a private meeting yesterday with the heritage secretary, Peter Brooke. It should have been an interesting encounter, coming just a fortnight after Rix accused Brooke's department of "defecating on" the Arts Council "from a great height".

Before the appointment, Rix was unwilling to say who proposed the meeting. *It is* understood, however, that the initiative was Brooke's, which shows the measure of the minister's concern over the embarrassing gulf between his department and the Arts *Council* — a gulf, of course, widened by Rix's resignation earlier this month. Yet such is Brooke's sensitivity on the issue that *he was furious* when he learnt that news of their meeting had leaked out, and, say heritage sources, even considered cancelling.

Calmer heads prevailed. Rix, who described the Arts Council in his resignation letter as being "viewed with barely concealed contempt by successive arts ministers" was a little more diplomatic yesterday. "I'm delighted we are meeting and hope something may come from it. When he wrote to me confirming the meeting he said it was a pity we did not meet before I resigned. He and Peter Palumbo had hoped for a meeting before, but I got so wound up by the Price Waterhouse report I could not keep it in."

After the meeting, however, Rix was a little less forthcoming. "I made one or two points about drama and the tactics ahead. He said he would go away and think about them. He is a very pleasant fellow and he listened to me with courtesy. I'm sure he will go away and think about what I had to say — and, I hope, act upon it."

● *As anticipated here, Tony Bevins, the only journalist to predict that there would be no reshuffle on the day Norman Lamont was sacked, is leaving* The Independent *to become political editor of* The Observer. *Andrew Rawnsley, presenter of Channel 4's* A Week in Politics *and the parliamentary sketchwriter of* The Guardian, *also joins the paper, as associate editor (politics).*

DIARY

Out of orbit

PERHAPS Ted Dexter was almost right when he blamed the latest English cricket disaster on Venus being in the wrong place. Two years ago, astrologers were predicting that an opposition between the planets of Mars and Saturn would cause *national doom* and gloom.

The bad news is that this unfortunate formation apparently returns to the heavens today, according to astrologers. It will have a debilitating effect and require extra hard work and effort to overcome, they say. "It will last for a couple of weeks," says Mike Harding, the chairman of the Association of Professional Astrologers. Which does not augur well for our tennis players at Wimbledon or for the next Test.

Harding says that Venus is not to blame for the Test match collapse. "I am not aware that it is in the wrong place. Anyway, it moves too quickly to matter." Unlike Merv Hughes then.

● *The spirit of sacrifice Edouard Balladur called for in April when he took over as France's prime minister apparently extends to his own backyard. He has cancelled the annual party due to be held tomorrow in the gardens of the Hotel Matignon, his official Paris residence. With admirable concision, Balladur's office explains "le garden party" was "trop onéreux" (expensive).*

Post haste?

THE White House may have been deluged with 3½ million letters in the first five months of President Clinton's term, but the problem of a surfeit of correspondence is not confined to the United States. Our very own Treasury is submerged by around 1,000 letters a week, and by all accounts is struggling to provide coherent replies to those who write in.

This month Robert Griffiths, a Kent-based publisher, received a reply to a letter he mailed to Anthony Nelson, economic secretary at the Treasury, four months ago. While congratulating the Treasury on achieving impressively low inflation figures, Griffiths asked for a simple explanation as to why his suppliers had just increased their prices dramatically.

The reply he received was addressed not to him, but inexplicably back to Nelson. Its two paragraphs talked, among many things, of "considerable spare capacity in the economy" and baffled Griffiths entirely. "The content of the letter itself would be a winner in a fog index competition and perhaps it explains why we're in such an economic mess," he says.

● *Police are showing more than a passing penchant for bicycles in Wimbledon. First they spend £5,000 on 18 mountain bikes in a pedal-powered push against crime. Then they decide that cycles left within the vicinity of the All England Lawn Tennis Club pose a security risk — and impound them. On the first day, the police made off with 15 bikes — a recycling exercise perhaps.*

Classic revival

One of the Prince of Wales's most outspoken critics, Maxwell Hutchinson (*above*), has been kicked off the ruling body of British architecture. Hutchinson has been on the council of the Royal Institute of British Architects since 1978, and was president for two years from 1989 to 1991. But in a straight fight with Owen Luder last week, the modernist Hutchinson was defeated.

Hutchinson, whose carbuncular leanings were set out in his book *The Prince of Wales: Right or Wrong?*, once described St Paul's Cathedral as a "second-rate medieval botch masquerading as great *architecture*". The building had no more architectural integrity than "the castles of Disneyland".

Hutchinson, who left his old firm Hutchinson Partners after it ran into financial difficulties, and has now set up his own studio in Covent Garden, says: "I am sad but realistic. I was defeated because of my stand on the deregulation of the industry. The title of architect is protected by a 60-year-old Act of Parliament. I have been consistently against it. Inigo Jones never needed a phoney statute to grace him with the title he so richly deserved. I stood on that platform when I was elected president. But the profession feels threatened."

Prince Charles, however, will be able to draw little comfort from Hutchinson's defeat. "I shall still be vocal and outspoken."

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CARTER REVISITED

Wanted, urgently: a forceful strategist for the state department

The domestic image of the Clinton presidency has improved in the few weeks since David Gergen was summoned to the White House. The serendipitous conjunction of the kindlier fates, who speeded the passage of his economic plan, may have helped; but the critical difference is that Mr Clinton now has an organiser who knows how to project the president's strengths.

Abroad, it is his weaknesses — the desire to please everybody, a certain insular coarseness, an aversion to risk — that are are still on prominent display: Mr Clinton's letter to Helmut Kohl this week, urging him to lobby at Copenhagen for a policy on Bosnia which Washington, if truth were told, no longer seriously espouses, was dazzlingly inept. The worst of it is that such clumsiness defines Warren Christopher's conduct, if that is the word, of US foreign policy.

The letter was a procedural mistake, since it should have been addressed to the Danish presidency. There was no point to the mistake, since the letter said nothing that could not have been said to any of the Twelve. Mr Clinton cannot seriously have expected the EC summit to endorse his proposal, rejected by most Europeans in May, to arm the Bosnian government. Air power, the critical component in this "lift and strike" strategy, was moreover, and significantly, not mentioned. Since political support for American airstrikes has waned in Washington, the Clinton administration would have been downright embarrassed had the summit unexpectedly said yes.

This was slapdash damage control in action, with Mr Clinton's domestic audience in mind. It has abruptly dawned on Washington that quite suddenly, the nature of the negotiations on Bosnia has changed, and that the Europeans might be on the verge of giving a reluctant quasi-legitimacy to an essentially Serbo-Croatian partition of Bosnia. The aim of reviving the arms-for-Bosnia proposal seems to have been to distance Mr Clinton in advance from any such deal. Accused of letting aggression pay, it would enable him to respond that he disapproved, that he had had a better idea, but that this was what the Europeans — whose problem it was — had decided.

No Western government comes out of the Balkan policy well, but the mismatch between America's robust rhetoric and weak policies has been especially marked. Mr Christopher has veered, chameleonlike, from talk of "stopping the world going up in flames" to dismissing Bosnia as "a humanitarian crisis a long way from home in the middle of another continent". In waiting for consensus and keeping America's options open, his dithering steadily closed them off.

The White House has left him to it. Despite his inauguration pledge "to continue leading the world we did so much to make", Mr Clinton may have chosen Mr Christopher and his team of likeminded Carter retreads to keep him out of trouble abroad. Mr Christopher might have been the perfect secretary of state had the ozone layer been America's greatest foreign policy challenge. But his own list of achievements, circulated earlier this month to US ambassadors, is a ragbag which betrays a serious lack of any clear view of the world. Where Russia is concerned, there has been leadership. But on human rights, his team at the Vienna conference fumbles and compromises; on Iran, he has reverted to the old Carter fallacy of "building bridges to democratic elements"; trade policy is a disastrous jumble; and on hardcore security questions, Washington is more absent than present. The relationship with America's allies is almost non-existent.

Mr Clinton has called a Nato summit, but only for December. Nothing will come of it unless America has a clear strategy and a hands-on team to implement it. Well before December, Mr Clinton needs to recognise that he needs more than speeches and meetings if America, as he promised, is to shape change "lest it engulf us". Mr Christopher may have qualities, but dynamism, creativity, vision and leadership are not among them. If the Clinton Mark II presidency, launched at home, is to take shape abroad the search must start for a secretary of state worthy of the name.

SELLING THE CHARTER

Ministers must not treat the citizen's charter as a gimmick

The saga of the citizen's charter in the last year-and-a-half shows that there is little point in treating a slow, arduous revolution in public administration as if it were an instant electoral gimmick. In an interview in *The Times* today, David Davis, the junior public service minister, concedes that the charter's aims will take at least a decade to realise. This means that the government must promote the charter to a sceptical public in a far more sophisticated way.

Unlike low inflation or privatisation, the charter is a Big Idea whose results are necessarily fragmentary and are thus difficult to celebrate as a coherent achievement. As a former whip who steered Maastricht through the Commons, Mr Davis is no stranger to salesmanship. He must first make clear to the public what the charter is there to do.

The problem which it seeks to address is monopoly provision of services. The train passenger can use only one line; parents are naturally reluctant to transfer their children repeatedly from one school to another; and the jobless cannot choose where to be paid benefit. The 32 charters launched so far — with the promise of more to come — seek to offer consumers accurate performance indicators and the means to complain.

Last year's school league tables showed that the government is serious in its ambition to make the public sector more transparent. Mr Davis must now give teeth to the systems of redress which the charter promises. The new Complaints Task Force, led by Lady Wilcox, must ensure that all public agencies set up meaningful complaints procedures which are not guilty of the very bureaucratic sins they are meant to penalise. Her unit should also examine the setting of performance targets. Some public institutions, such as hospitals, are subject to governmental targets, while others — notably British Rail — are allowed to set their own performance and reliability goals, which remain far too flexible.

To sell a scheme in its infancy such as the charter, Mr Davis needs to inspire and allay fear in equal measure. He must make clear to public employees that job security cannot be taken for granted and that performance-related pay will account for an increasing proportion of their salaries. On the other hand, he must ensure that public sector jobs do not become impossible to fill. A necessary corollary of the citizen's charter and contracting out will be a full review of the civil service pay and conditions code.

Securing political backing for the charter will be as difficult as achieving a nervous consensus between Europhile and Eurosceptic over Maastricht proved to be. The Conservative right still regard the charter as a fudge which will bestow a patina of undeserved respectability upon inefficient public services. The left see it as a poor substitute for investment. Yet with a public sector deficit of £50 billion, value for money and accountability to the taxpayer could scarcely be more important. That is a Big Idea which the government can ill-afford to squander.

A LOSS BUT NOT A SCANDAL

Lloyd's must show humility to restore investors' confidence

The announcement that Lloyd's lost a further £2.9 billion in 1990, a little worse than even the gloomiest forecasts with probably another billion to come in 1991, has predictably enraged the already impoverished names, especially since David Rowland, its chairman, admitted that insiders have escaped the worst of the losses — as usual. The existing names remain trapped by their own undertakings, exposed to future losses even if they resign, and it will take more than new rules, designed to protect future names and to attract corporate capital, to convince them that they are not victims of a conspiracy, or that the expensive new Richard Rogers building should not carry a warning over its entrance: "Heads we win, tails you lose."

Though the burden may fall unfairly, the losses themselves have very little to do with past scandals. Some unwise insurance was written on unknown risks at a time when Lloyd's was flush with idle capital (a problem that is not likely to recur).The 1990 losses, though, were incurred in a year in which the whole industry suffered enormous claims on under-priced risks. Bad weather goes in cycles; US litigation, which seems to demand a remedy for injuries that only obdurate pessimists could have forseen, now appears an ever-growing burden. The market has now raised premiums savagely, so the advice to names to trade through their losses remains sound, even if it sounds heartless. That has not prevented more than 12,000 from resigning, mainly out of necessity; and the continuing losses will further reduce the capacity of Lloyd's. That remains the crucial problem.

At the moment Lloyd's seems to be relying mainly on its efforts to attract corporate capital with limited liability. That may restore capacity, but it could at the same time undermine Lloyd's competitiveness. The unlimited commitment of the names has not only stood behind Lloyd's credibility, but has relieved the society of the trouble and expense of managing its reserves; the names did that. The more Lloyd's is forced to trade like any other insurance company, the less advantage it will hold. Mr Rowland may plead that his internal reforms are drastic, and deserve the confidence of outside names, but there is no sign that they are convinced. Justice must clearly be seen to be done.

We have argued in the past that it was a mistake to leave Lloyd's out of the Fiancial Services Act, which imposes not only codes but discipline. The working names who remain nervous of intervention, pleading their sacred mystery but appearing, at least, to hope for the days when names can safely be fleeced again, should think again. When the US Securities and Exchange Commission, with its fierce policing powers, was set up some 60 years ago it was welcomed by the New York stockbroking community, which understood that nothing less would restore investors' confidence. Lloyd's has yet to show such saving humility.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Proliferation fears and British nuclear weapon tests

From Dr Lesley Morrison

Sir, President Clinton's administration is currently inviting members of Congress to comment on a draft report concerning US nuclear testing ("Britain banks on US to restart nuclear tests", June 12). British citizens may well wish to comment too, once they are aware that the report covers the UK's own testing programme.

Under US legislation Britain's capacity to test is in the power of the US President, and the criterion for the President sanctioning British nuclear testing is whether it is deemed to be in the security interests of the United States.

The question of why future nuclear testing at Nevada by the UK and US should be in the security interests of the US is one being raised by many in Congress, including prominent supporters of President Clinton.

There is a growing perception that national security interests need to be defined in the context of global security: in that context, it is in everyone's interest that a "comprehensive test ban treaty" (CTBT) be achieved as rapidly as possible.

Encouragingly, the draft report does commit the US to securing a draft CTBT agreement by the review conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which meets in April 1995, and to achieving a CTBT by September 30, 1996. However, less helpfully, the report also proposes that the current moratorium on US and UK testing should end, and that there be nine final US and UK tests from 1994.

A very favourable climate for securing a CTBT has been created by the French, US and Russian moratoriums on testing now in force. A US and UK resumption of testing would obstruct progress towards securing a CTBT and create a hostile climate at the non-proliferation treaty renewal conference that could possibly endanger the effectiveness of that treaty: the best international means of controlling the spread of nuclear weapons.

Is that in anyone's security interests? Nuclear proliferation itself is now the greatest threat we face: it is vital the President does not lose sight of that when he makes his decision about the contents of the final report.

Yours sincerely,
LESLEY MORRISON
(Vice-President),
British Nuclear Test Ban Coalition,
162 Holloway Road, N7.
June 21.

From Dr Stephen Pullinger

Sir, Your report of June 12 reveals that the purpose of Britain's three further nuclear tests is to redesign an existing warhead for use in a new generation of sub-strategic nuclear weapons, rather than to ascertain the safety of existing ones.

One of the main reasons why ministers have not been able to reach a decision on Britain's successor to the WE-177 free-fall nuclear bomb has been uncertainty as to whether or not Britain will be able to complete development of a suitable warhead.

If, as seems likely, Congress rejects any further testing, Britain may be left (once the WE-177s become obsolete) having to rely on Trident to perform the sub-strategic as well as the strategic nuclear role.

Although the Ministry of Defence would ideally like a different warhead specifically for the sub-strategic mission, it could deploy a proportion of Trident missiles armed with single warheads of existing design, the tests for which have already been completed, and assign them a sub-strategic role.

By not procuring another nuclear weapon system, by removing the RAF's nuclear responsibility, and by not conducting any more tests the government could save hundreds of millions of pounds. This would relieve pressure on public spending while perhaps releasing more resources for conventional military capabilities.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN PULLINGER
(Executive Director),
International Security Information Service,
8 John Adam Street, WC2.
June 14.

From Mr Bruce Kent

Sir, The shifting Ukrainian attitude towards nuclear weapons (report, June 19) should cause no suprise in this country. It mirrors exactly the belief, shared by the leaders of all our major political parties, that nuclear weapons add to our security and increase our world influence.

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is assumed to be an instrument designed only to prevent non-nuclear powers from joining the club. Our obligations under article VI ("negotiations in good faith ..." leading to "nuclear disarmament") are simply ignored.

If, as Sir Michael Quinlan, then permanent under-secretary at the Ministry of Defence, said to the Soviet General Staff in November 1990, nuclear weapons have "unique value in war prevention", why on earth should Ukraine get rid of theirs or North Korea be prevented from acquiring some?

The lessons of Olof Palme's "Common security" report of 1982 have yet to be learnt: "Countries must recognise that in the nuclear age nations cannot achieve security at each others' expense."

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE KENT
(Vice-President),
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament,
162 Holloway Road, N7.
June 20.

Protection for incest victims

From Mr Keith Parker

Sir, For some years now the Guild of British Newspaper Editors, representing regional and local newspapers throughout Britain, has campaigned for a uniform media stance on "jigsaw" identification — putting together various incomplete reports in order to establish an identity — for the innocent victims of incest.

The difficulty was that national papers, TV and radio preferred to detail the nature of the crime and relationship of the accused to the victim, without of course identifying the latter.

However, local papers believed the public had a right to know the identity of the offender, and therefore published the name and address without stating the relationship or the precise nature of the crime. The result was the possibility that the public might have been able to identify the victim by the jigsaw effect of reading both local and national accounts.

Happily, after much persuasion and argument by the guild and its editor members, there is a change of heart by our national newspaper colleagues. The Press Complaints Commission is to include the subject in its code and the recommended approach is that of the style of the local press, to name the defendants. We now hope our broadcaster colleagues will follow suit.

This is a major development, not only to ensure that innocent victims of these crimes are never identified, but also to show once again that newspapers and their editors really are responsible people, despite what you may sometimes read in Hansard.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH PARKER (Chairman,
Parliamentary & Legal Committee,
Guild of British Newspaper Editors),
c/o Express & Star Ltd,
Queen Street,
Wolverhampton, West Midlands.
June 17.

Salisbury bypass

From Mrs Deborah Davies

Sir, Lord Bullock (letter, June 10) has the support of bypass opponents in Salisbury. We too are fighting plans for a strategic trunk route masquerading as a local bypass — in our case the A36 Salisbury bypass, which will link Bournemouth, Poole and Southampton with Bristol and the North.

He is quite right in saying that Parliament should investigate the means by which these schemes are allowed to go ahead. The Department of Transport has already spent £5 million preparing its case for our public enquiry and will naturally be very reluctant to change its plans.

On the other hand we have ourselves, a small band of amateur objectors, with no resources except our own pockets, having to take on a vast amount of reading and learning at short notice in order to mount a reasonably competent case in our spare time.

The enquiry does not provide ground for fair trial as the government is both proposer and judge of the scheme.

Because of this disparity Salisbury may well have to face the brutal consequences of a four-lane bypass thrusting across its fragile river valleys.

Yours faithfully,
DEBORAH DAVIES (Member,
Salisbury Bypass Action Group),
Downs House, Bulls Lane,
Broad Chalke,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

William Golding

From Professor Malcolm Bradbury

Sir, Sir William Golding was a very wise man. No doubt thanks to unclear pronunciation, a phrase in my article about him (June 21), read over the telephone, came out wrongly. I had written of his splendid way with audiences: "A shocking half-wicked old schoolmaster, he knew how to please them, tease them, make them think."

Nothing he said was ever less than profound good sense, and I would not like there to be any other impression.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM BRADBURY,
University of East Anglia,
School of English and
American Studies,
Norwich NR4 7TJ.
June 21.

Debating the NHS

From the Secretary of the British Medical Association

Sir, The observation of Mr David Blunkett, MP (letter, June 22), that the BMA might hold major annual conferences and feel it right to invite the Secretary of State and not the Opposition, needs correction.

It is a long-standing convention that this association does not invite a minister of health or a secretary of state to address any of its national annual conferences, whatever the complexion of the ruling party.

Yours faithfully,
IAN T. FIELD,
Secretary,
British Medical Association,
BMA House, Tavistock Square, WC1.
June 22.

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Sale of woodlands

From Mr Martin Lowry

Sir, Dr Charles Watkins (letter, June 21) rightly raises concerns about the potential effect of the sale of the Forestry Commission's woodlands.

If the government does decide to privatise Forest Enterprise by the wholesale disposal of its woodlands, the market will be flooded. This would lead to a devaluation of all other forestry investments and have disastrous consequences for the future of UK forestry.

The decision to privatise — or not to privatise — must rest with ministers alone. The government's forestry review group must, however, ensure that ministers are fully briefed on the potential consequences of woodland sales which, if they go ahead, must be staggered to allow the existing private market to absorb the commission's woodlands slowly.

This should minimise disruption to the market and maintain existing values. It is also vital that Forest Enterprise's existing obligations regarding access, recreation and nature conservation continue to apply to any new owners following transfer.

The review group is also considering the fundamental question of incentives to encourage forestry. The cost of timber imports to the UK in 1991 was over £6 billion. Yet the potential to grow trees, in a commercial and environmentally sensitive way, has never been greater.

If the UK is to have a thriving forestry industry, it is imperative that incentives are brought into line with the economics of timber production.

Yours etc,
MARTIN LOWRY
(Chairman, Rural Market Panel),
The Royal Institution of
Chartered Surveyors,
12 Great George Street,
Parliament Square, SW1.
June 21.

Children in divorces

From Mr D. R. M. James Duff

Sir, The Reverend David Holloway, the vicar of Jesmond (letter, June 8), lists powerful statistics that seemingly provide unarguable weight to the anti-divorce lobby. But, for every divorced couple, how many husbands and wives stay together for lack of means, incentive or courage, or because of the children?

Children suffer in an unhappy home, well aware of the tensions and mistrust, and sensitive to the change in their parents' relationship and thus to their lives, to a degree far greater than most adults believe or would care to admit.

How many of these children are more susceptible to illness, delinquency or under-achievement? Studies should be done on them similar to those quoted by Mr Holloway.

Until then Mr Holloway's statistics remain merely statistics — interesting and worthy of due attention — and emphasis may be placed on them to reduce such distress; but they do not constitute an argument against divorce.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID JAMES DUFF,
Hatton Castle,
Turriff, Aberdeenshire.
June 11.

School homosexuality

From Dr Alisdare Hickson

Sir, I was amazed to discover a quarter-page article (June 12) on my book, *Crushes and Comrades*, a history of homosexuality at boarding schools, which is still in its research stage. Alexander Chancellor alleges that I am "fixated on Eton" and that homosexuality "is likely to exist in every other boarding school". However, all my letter to him said was that my book might contain comments from Old Etonians, and indeed I have received many letters from them. I have also had hundreds of contributions from individuals who went to private and state boarding schools.

Chancellor alleges that I clearly believe "that children born into money and privilege are devoid of all sensitivity", basing his conclusion on my supposedly frivolous request for amusing anecdotes. He might have realised that humour is often an antidote to suffering and does not necessarily imply lack of sensitivity.

I myself spent ten years in boarding schools and I know what it is like to be gay in such institutions. It could be hell but it could occasionally be fun.

Yours sincerely,
A. HICKSON,
5 Arundel Close, Battersea, SW11.
June 17.

Arts cuts in the regions

From Ms Judi Richards

Sir, Recent correspondence (June 11, 14, 16) on proposed cuts in government funding for the Arts Council states well the emerging threat to our enterprising national dance, theatre, opera and orchestral companies.

If the cuts go ahead there will be a further devastating effect on the regional receiving theatres and concert halls, in which much of the work of these companies is seen and which provide an essential network for ensuring regional audiences can enjoy the best of the arts.

Mostly owned or funded by local authorities, many of these venues have been splendidly refurbished to meet audience expectations. Well managed and pursuing effective marketing strategies, these theatres are successful, provided they have the product to sell.

Take away Arts Council-funded drama, dance, music and opera, and the very foundation of quality programming on which these theatres have built their success is broken. Take away this product and the government will find that British theatre will collapse and with it will go the money government earns through the arts from employment, tourism and VAT.

"Short-termism" is not a new feature of government policy towards the arts — we have lived with blinkered policies for 14 years.

The government should view public subsidy as a highly cost-effective investment in one of the few successful industries left in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
JUDI RICHARDS
(Vice-President,
Theatrical Management Association),
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff.
June 16.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Sporting chance

From Major Mark Banham

Sir, Mr Bill Vincent (letter, June 21) will be further demoralised to hear that in a cricket contest between the British Army Germany team, which I captained, and the Deutscher Cricket Bund (the German national team) on June 13, the Army came a close second, defeated by 40 runs. In fairness, the Germans are the current champions of Europe in one of the lower echelons of the International Cricket Conference.

Yours faithfully,
MARK BANHAM,
HQ ARRC, BFPO 39, Germany.
June 21.

From Mr Keith McJennett

Sir, I am appalled at Bill Vincent's idea that England should play soccer against Australia and cricket against Germany. Does he wish to see England humiliated even more than they have been?

Yours faithfully,
KEITH McJENNETT,
151 Lavernock Road,
Penarth, South Glamorgan.
June 21.

From Mr Ian Gent

Sir, Given that nobody now resigns simply because he is demonstrably incompetent, may I suggest an alternative course? Ted Dexter should resign in disgust at the football, Graham Taylor in disgust at the government, and John Major in disgust at the cricket.

Yours,
IAN GENT,
215/9 Causewayside, Edinburgh 9.
June 21.

From Mr Hugh Monro

Sir, At a wine-tasting last night, we were offered samples from a country that has beaten us at cricket, two countries that have beaten us at football and one country that has beaten us at rugby — all in the last month. To whom can we export wine?

Yours faithfully,
HUGH MONRO
(Headmaster),
Clifton College,
32 College Road, Bristol.
June 22.

A time of gifts

From Mr George Bland

Sir, As one of the many ordinary shareholders in Polly Peck International who have lost part or, in some cases, all of their savings, the very least that Conservative Central Office can do with the money received from Asil Nadir is to send us each a watch.

Suitably engraved, of course.

Yours faithfully,
G. BLAND,
18 Wealden Avenue, Tenterden, Kent.
June 20.

From Mr Philip Selberg-Dasher

Sir, Have we not reached the point when we should offer the Conservative party to the private sector?

Your most humble servant,
P. SELBERG-DASHER,
Im Wullen 7,
5810 Witten-Annen, Germany.
June 21.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 22: His Excellency Mr Vincas Balickas and Mrs Balickas were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Lithuania to the Court of St James's.

Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy was received by Her Majesty and delivered up the Insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by his father, the late Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Lord Elworthy.

His Excellency Mr Jesus Tambunting was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of the Philippines to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Aladin Villacorte (Minister Counsellor), Mr Ernesto Castro (First Secretary and Consul), Mrs Yolanda Serrano (Second Secretary and Consul), Colonel Cesar Garcia (Military Attaché), Mr Peregrino Sales (Commercial Attaché), Mr Eduardo Jarque (Tourism Attaché), Mr Conrado Paule (Attaché) and Mrs Thelma Buenaventura (Attaché).

Mrs Tambunting was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Anthony Figgis (Assistant Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, received Major-General Alastair Dennis upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, on amalgamation and upon assuming the appointment of Colonel, The Queen's Royal Lancers.

Colonel Sean Longsdon, Colonel, 17th/21st Lancers, and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Campbell, Commanding Officer, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, were received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing their appointments and Lieutenant Colonel Robert McKenzie Johnston upon assuming the appointment of Commanding Officer, The Queen's Royal Lancers.

Sir Christopher Mallaby (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Paris) was received by The Queen.

Lady Mallaby was also received by Her Majesty.

Mrs Sackler, the Sackler Foundation, and Mr David Cregeen were received by The Queen and presented to Her Majesty a copy of a bronze by Mr Cregeen which had been commissioned by the Sackler Foundation for the Commonwealth Secretariat.

The Queen, Patron, this afternoon attended a garden party at Syon House to mark the seventieth anniversary of the Cancer Research Campaign and was received by the Duke of Northumberland, the Duke of Gloucester (President) and the Lady Elizabeth Cavendish (Chairman).

The Hon Mary Morrison, Sir Kenneth Scott and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 22: The Princess Royal today visited Glasgow and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr Robert Innes, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Rosebowl Environmental Project for Schools 1993, this morning presented the Awards to Schools at City Chambers.

The Princess Royal later opened St Mungo Museum and Glasgow Cathedral Visitor and Conference Centre.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the National Autistic Society, this afternoon visited the Strathclyde Autistic Group, the Moat House International Hotel.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

June 22: The Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded the Lady Margaret Colville as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 22: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, today visited Duchy property and attended a luncheon for tenants in the Isles of Scilly.

Sir David Landale was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 22: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence (ISDD), this afternoon attended the ISDD Media Awards Luncheon at the Café Royal, 68 Regent Street, London W1.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 22: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Papworth and Enham Foundation, this morning visited the Enham Trust to mark the trust's 75th anniversary and opened the recreation and leisure centre, Enham Alamein, Andover.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Major General J A Ward-Booth (Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire).

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, Cancer Research Campaign, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this afternoon received The Queen at a garden party to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the campaign at Syon House, Syon Park, Brentford, Middlesex.

Mrs Michael Wigley and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 22: The Duke of Kent, Royal Fellow, this evening attended the Royal Academy of Engineering's Summer Exhibition and Dinner at Imperial College, London SW7.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

Royal Over-Seas League

The Lord Grey of Naunton has been appointed Grand President with the approval of HM The Queen, the League's Patron. He was Chairman from 1976-81 and has completed more than ten years as President.

At risk: Black Snib mire, an ancient lowland peat-bog in Cumbria, and, right, bog rosemary, one of the unusual plants which are found there

Black Snib mire fights to survive

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A PUBLIC enquiry into a plan to turn one of the few remaining patches of lowland peat-bog in Britain into horticultural mulch and compost opened yesterday at Longtown, near Carlisle, in Cumbria.

The owner of the nearby Black Snib mire, Allan Jenkinson, has applied to Cumbria County Council for permission to dig the peat and mix it with wood chips and bark from sawmills he also owns. He believes the bog could earn him as much as £18 million.

Peter Bullard, conservation manager of the Cumbria Wildlife Trust, said: "If we fail to stop this application it will be the first planning consent to be granted for digging peat for some years and could set a precedent for exploitation of other bogs that do not have protected status".

Britain has considerable areas of upland "blanket" peat bog. The tussle between horticulturalists and conservationists focuses chiefly on lowland raised bogs, which have deep, high-quality deposits of easily accessible peat.

Gareth Dalglish, East Cumbria conservation officer for English Nature, the government's chief wildlife adviser, said: "It has always been a rare habitat. We estimate that there are only 10,000 acres of pristine, uncut lowland bog left in Britain, about 4 per cent of what once existed."

Lowland bogs formed over thousands of years in naturally wet areas, such as Wales, the west and north-west of England and lowland Scotland. Dead plant material, protected against decay by the wet, acidic soil, slowly accumulated to form raised masses of peat up to 30ft deep.

Conservationists value uncut bogs in part because they are storehouses of information dating back to the last ice age. The bogs also support unusual plants, such as sphagnum moss and bog rosemary, and several species of beetle found nowhere else. Peat is still burnt in some countries as a fuel, but is now mainly used in horticulture.

Conservationists have the support of Cumbria County Council in opposing Mr Jenkinson's application, but their case may be weakened because two years ago English Nature withdrew a proposal to give Black Snib the status of a "site of special scientific interest".

Lord Cranbrook, the chairman, decided then that the site was not special enough to qualify. About half the bog has been quarried for peat in the past and it has also been damaged by drainage ditches and tree planting.

School news

Downside School

Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions have been awarded by Downside School, in order of merit, as follows:

J Thomson, Halley/bury Junior School; D Gaulé, Denmead School; J Twiston Davies, Skippers Hill; L Warren, Moor Park.

Sixth Form Scholarships: E Folliot, St Gregory's, Bath; F Hoar, South Molton College.

Music Scholarships: L Warren, Moor Park; C Tighe, Buckfast Abbey School; J Twiston Davies, Skippers Hill.

Art Scholarship: C Tighe, Buckfast Abbey School.

Luncheon

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry N.R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Butchers' Hall. Mr David Birch, president, was in the chair. The Canadian High Commissioner and the Agent General for Quebec were among those present.

Dinners

Parliamentary and Scientific Committee

Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, Chairman of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, was host at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons after Professor Anthea Tinker, Director of the Age Concern Institute of Gerontology, King's College London, and Professor Oliver James of the Department of Geriatric Medicine, Newcastle upon Tyne University, were the speakers at a meeting of the committee.

Brixton Estate plc

The Directors of Brixton Estate plc gave a dinner last night at the Savoy Hotel to mark the retirement of Mr Harry Axton as chairman. Mr Douglas Gardner, the new chairman, and Earl Cairns were the speakers. The company's major shareholders, professional advisers, business associates and members of staff were present.

Two Cities Dining Club

Mrs Gillian Shephard, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Two Cities Dining Club held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Kenneth Dibben presided.

Royal Automobile Club

Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club was host yesterday at a dinner held at the Pall Mall clubhouse for members of the club.

Service dinner

The Royal Green Jackets

The annual dinner of the 5th Battalion The Royal Green Jackets was held last night at Trinity College, Oxford. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, was the principal guest.

Reception

HM Government

Mr Hector Monro, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries at the Scottish Office, was host last night at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night Edinburgh Castle to mark the 11th North Sea Task Force conference.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Fell, Bishop of Oxford 1675-86, Longworth, Berkshire, 1625; Giambattista Vico, philosopher, Naples, 1668; Anna Akhmatova, poet, Boeshoy Fontan, Ukraine, 1889; the Duke of Windsor, sometime King Edward VIII, reigned January 20 to December 11, 1936, White Lodge, Richmond Park, 1894; Jean Anouilh, dramatist, Bordeaux, 1910.

DEATHS: Henry Hudson, navigator, cast adrift by mutineers in the bay bearing his name, 1611; Mark Akenside, poet and physician, London, 1770; Sir James Hall, geologist, Edinburgh, 1832; James Mill, Utilitarian philosopher, London, 1836; Lady Hester Stanhope, traveller and eccentric, Djouni, Mount Lebanon, 1839; Patrick Chalmers, antiquary, Rome, 1854; Cecil James Sharp, musician, founder of the English Folk Dance Society, London, 1924; Sir Charles Oman, historian, Oxford, 1946.

The victory of Robert Clive at Plassey (Bengal) over the forces of Surajah Dowlah, 1757.

Adolphe Sax was awarded a patent for the saxophone, 1848.

University news

London

Queen Mary and Westfield College

Promotion to senior lecturer: Dr A C Campbell, Biological Sciences; Ms A Firth, Intellectual Property Law; Mrs S M Lane, Law; Dr A W J Lincoln, English; Mr A H Vanags, Economics.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Lauder College, Dunfermline, at 10.05; will attend the national awards ceremony for the Skene Young Entrepreneurs Award at the Merchants' Hall, Edinburgh, at 12.30; and, as President of the the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, will attend the gala preview of the flower show at Ingliston, Edinburgh, at 5.00.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will unveil a statue of General de Gaulle in Carlton Gardens at 11.45.

The Prince of Wales will open the new Tate Gallery at St Ives, Cornwall, at 10.25; and will visit Mount Edgcumbe Hospice, Porthpean Road, St Austell, at 12.05.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Snoezelen Centre at Whittington Hall Hospital, Old Whittington, at 11.45; as patron, will visit Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire RELATE at Otben House, 7 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, at 1.20; and will visit Filigree at Carter Lane East, South Normanton, at 2.20.

Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will launch the summer challenge at the BT Tower at 11.00.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior of the Order of St John, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will attend a gala dinner and opera for the benefit of St John Ambulance in Kent at Frenchstreet House, Westerham, at 5.30.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, will attend the lawn tennis championship meeting at Wimbledon at 1.50.

The Duchess of Kent will open the Paul Strickland scanner centre extension at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, at 2.30.

Birthdays today

Mr S.M. Andrews, former headmaster, Clifton College, 61; the Very Rev Professor Henry Chadwick, former master, Peterhouse, Cambridge, 73; Sir David Crouch, former MP, 74; Sir Oswald Davies, former chairman, AMEC, 73; Mr S.G. Errington, former chairman, Mercantile Credit Company, 64; the Most Rev Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York, 66; Mr Julian Hipwood, polo player, 47; Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, 53; Mr R.H. Jacques, governor, Liverpool prison, 52; Miss Miriam Karlin, actress, 68; Miss Margaret Lane, novelist, 86; Admiral Sir Horace Law, 82; Mrs Patricia McLaughlin, former MP, 77; Professor J.E. Meade, political economist, 86; Mr Justice Millett, 61; Lord Newall, 63; Mrs Anne Owers, director, Justice, 46; Mr John Prebble, writer, 78; Professor Sir Martin Rees, astronomer, 51; Professor Isaac Schapera, anthropologist, 88; Professor Lord Soulsby of Swaffham Prior, 67; the Right Rev K.N. Sutton, Bishop of Lichfield, 59; Mr Anthony Thwaite, poet, 63; Colonel J.B. Timmins, Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, 61; Miss Irene Worth, actress, 77.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.J. Beale and Miss S.C.M. Little

The engagement is announced between Noel, younger son of Mr and Mrs John J. Beale, of Lurgecombe Farm, Ashburton, South Devon, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs John J. Little, of Dungannon, Co Tyrone.

Mr J.A.F. Buchanan and Miss T.E.H. Weston

The engagement is announced between Jamie, elder son of Captain and Mrs Andrew Buchanan, of Meonstoke, Hampshire, and Tara, elder daughter of Mr Don Weston, of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs Maureen Schulten, of Esher, Surrey.

Mr G.M.W. Cleverley and Miss A.B. Arrieta

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr Graham Cleverley, of Luxembourg and the late Josephine Cleverley, and Arleen, elder daughter of Mrs Elizabeth Arrieta, of New Jersey.

Mr A.H. George and Miss C.E. Ross

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs J.J.L. George, of East Grafton, Wiltshire, and Charlotte, daughter of the late Mr C.L. Ross and of Mrs N.H. Jessop, stepdaughter of Mr N.H. Jessop, of Cookley Green, Oxfordshire.

Mr C.R. King-Holford and Miss L.P.E.R. Merritt

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Rear Admiral W.T.C. Ridley and Mrs J.E. Norman

The engagement is announced between Rear Admiral Terence Ridley and Mrs Joan Elaine Norman, widow of the Reverend John Norman.

Mr D.H. Taylor and Miss C.E. Gunning

The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr and Mrs R.E.D. Taylor, of Bickley, Kent, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.J. Gunning, of Bickley, Kent.

Soirée

The Royal Academy of Engineering

The Duke of Kent, as Royal Fellow of The Royal Academy of Engineering, attended the 1993 Soirée and Exhibition at Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine on Tuesday, June 22, 1993. The theme of the exhibition was "The Contribution of University Engineering Research to Industrial Success". He was welcomed by Sir Eric Ash, CBE, FEng, FRS, Rector of Imperial College and Sir William Barlow, FEng, President of The Royal Academy of Engineering. The exhibition was followed by a reception and dinner. Among those present were:

Lady Ash, Lady Barlow, Professor Sir Frederick Crawford, FEng, and Lady Crawford, Sir John Cullen, FEng, Admiral Sir Kenneth and Lady Eaton, Professor Sir Hugh Ford, FEng, FRS, Lord Gregson, HonFEng, Sir Gordon Higginson, FEng, and Lady Higginson, the Hon Mrs Sara Morrison, Dr Adam Neville, MC, FEng, FRSE, and Mrs Neville, Lord Porter, OM, FRS, and Lady Porter, Sir Charles Pringle, KBE, FEng, and Lady Pringle, Sir Denis Rooke, CBE, FRS, FEng, and Lady Rooke, Professor William Stewart, FRS, and Mrs Stewart, Vice Admiral Sir Allan Trewby, KCB, FEng, and Lady Trewby.

Memorial service

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ALLAN - On 18th June 1993, to Marina (née Potter) and James, a son, Jonathon Humphrey Keith, a brother to Bertie and Charles.

AMIN - On 9th June 1993, to Uzma (née Peracha) and Asif, a son, M. Amin.

BROWN - On June 10th, at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Ruth (née Harries) and Jonathan, a daughter, Olivia Alice Barrett.

CHURCHILL - On 12th June, to Sitty and Catherine (née Kennedy), twins, Frederick William and Grace Catherine. God Bless.

COLEMAN - On 20th June at the Wellington Hospital, to Louise (née Smythe) and Daniel, a beautiful daughter, Georgia Lucie.

COOK - To Marti (née Cottam) and Stephen, on 21st June at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, a daughter, Fenella Charlotte, a sister for Oliver.

de TARANTO - On June 21st in Düsseldorf, to Sarah (née Fenton) and Anthony, a son, James Richard Donald, a brother to Nicholas.

EMBLING - On June 19th at The Portland Hospital, a sister for Alison and Robert.

FRASER - On Sunday 20th June 1993 in Boston, Mass, USA, to James and Victoria (Cameron), a daughter, Tabitha Christian Annand.

HIRTH - On Sunday June 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Louise (née Mendoza) and Gary, a gorgeous daughter, Georgia Lynn Matilde.

JEFFRIES - On June 17th, to Clare (née Chadder) and Richard, the blessing of a daughter, Anna Mary Margaret.

MILES - On June 11th 1993, to Deirdra (née Moynihan) and Roger, a daughter, Ellen Frances Caitlin.

NORTH - On June 18th 1993, to Emma (née Soundy) and David, a daughter, Amelia Francesca.

PHILLIPS - Sarah Charlotte at The Portland Hospital on June 20th to Hugh and Louise Phillips, a much loved daughter and a sister for Alexander.

ROWE - On Saturday June 19th, at 4.25 pm, to Naoko (née Mizuta) and Ian, a beautiful son, Lucas Yutaka.

SHAW - On June 14th, to Sarah (née Clark) and Martin, a son, William John Thorndike, a brother for Sophia and Jonathan.

BIRTHS

TANNER - On 10th June 1993 to Melanie (née Challis) and Nicholas, a daughter, Isabel Charlotte Alice, a sister for William and Olivia, always remembering and loving George.

TREWIN - On 18th June 1993 to Helen (née Adie) and Simon a son Jack Courtenay.

MARRIAGES

CLISBY-INGRAM - On June 19th 1993 at All Saints Church, Hartley, Alan James to Sally Jane.

DEATHS

BERRY - On June 21st, peacefully, Eustace Albert, in his 94th year, of Newick, Sussex. Husband of Peta, father of Christopher and grandfather of Alexander. Cremation at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Tuesday June 29th at 11.45am. Family flowers only, donations to The British Heart Foundation c/o R.A. Brooks & Son, Ravenoak, Allington Road, Newick, tel: (0825) 722895 or (0444) 454391.

BLAND - On June 21st at home, Francis Antony, Captain Royal Navy. Dearly loved husband of Nan, much loved father of Hilary and proud grandfather of Lucy, Katharine and Elizabeth. Service at St Andrew's Church, Aldborough, on Tuesday 29th June at 2.30pm. Donations if wished to British Lung Foundation, 8 Peterborough Mews, London SW6 3BU.

CARSON - Eric of Aberystwyth, on June 19th, a much loved husband, father and grandfather.

COOKE - (Isobel) Dorothy, peacefully at Hastings on June 18th 1993, aged 100, the sister of Dr. A.M. Cooke of Oxford and a much loved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt. Funeral at Hastings Crematorium 10.30am on June 23rd. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Hastings Talking Newspaper for the Blind c/o A.C. Towner Ltd., 2-4 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, tel: (0424) 436386.

FEA - On June 21st at Worfield, nr. Bridgnorth, Shropshire, William Wallace ("Bill") Fea. The beloved Husband of Nan and a much loved Father and Grandfather. Funeral at Worfield Church on Thursday July 1st at 3 pm. No flowers. Donations for St Peter's Church, Worfield, Roof Appeal. Enquiries to Perry and Phillips Funeral Directors, telephone Bridgnorth (0746) 765255.

DEATHS

FISHER - At rest on Thursday June 17th 1993, Thomas Richard aged 66 years, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire. Funeral Service to be held at St Andrew's Church, Westlands, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, on Tuesday June 29th at 12 noon followed by cremation at Newcastle Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Douglas MacMillan Home. Donations and enquiries to Salt and Son Funeral Directors, Bridge Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire ST5 2RY, tel: (0782) 617073.

FOTHERGILL-PAYNE - Pat on 16th June, dearly missed by Peter, Lees, Tien, Simon, Ann, John, David and many others. Oxford Crematorium 11.45 on Tuesday 29th June.

FULLER - On 18th June, at home in Blackheath, Kathleen, wife of the late Roy Fuller. Family funeral.

HOGG - School of Education, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, suddenly on June 14th, Gordon Welch, dearly loved husband of Maureen and much loved father of Clare and Barbara and father-in-law of Mark. On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy.

KANE - On 20th June 1993, peacefully at Summerland House Nursing Home, Guernsey, Eileen Mary Emily (née Hayward), beloved widow of Peter Shivington and John Kane, much loved mother of Anne and mother-in-law of Michael and grandmother of Louise, Fiona and Peter. Requiem Mass at Notre Dame du Rosaire, St Peter Port, Guernsey, on Friday 25th June at 2.30 pm, followed by private burial on Saturday 26th June at St John's, Jersey. Family flowers only, donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

LEFTLEY - On June 19th at Home Marksthall, Madge in her 87th year. Widow of Frank and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Coppenhall, on Thursday June 24th at 11.30 am, followed by cremation. No flowers by request. Donations if wished to Barnardo's.

LLOYD - On June 18th, Trevor Frederick, aged 65. Darling husband of Dawn, much loved father of Rachel and Simon. Service at All Saints Church, Fulham, on Monday June 28th at 2 pm. No flowers, but donations for St Dunstan's may be sent to 12/14 Harcourt Street, London W1A 4XB.

DEATHS

LLOYD-JONES - Peacefully on 21st June, Gwilym Arthur B.Sc. M.B., B.Ch., beloved husband of Rémy. Enquiries to Thomas Bros. Cowbridge (0446) 772669.

MILLER - On June 19th 1993 at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Dr. Peggy, suddenly following an accident. Dear sister of Leonard and friend to many, formerly of the BBC. Private family cremation. Memorial Service to be held at St Peter's Church, Black Lion Lane, Hammersmith, on Wednesday July 14th at 12 noon, to which all her many friends will be welcome. Donations in her memory may be made to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15 Britten Street, SW3 3TZ.

POWELL - On Sunday 20th June 1993, Maurice, formerly Senior Lecturer in the Department of Applied Psychology, U.W.I.S.T. Cardiff, passed away after a long illness. Beloved father of Janet and John, loved partner of Joan Joshua Turbervile. Resting at the private funeral home of James Pidgeon & Son, 539 Cowbridge Road East, Victoria Park, Cardiff until the funeral on Thursday July 1st service 11.30 am in the Chapel at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home, or if wished donations may be sent to Princess Margaret Wing, Velindre Hospital, Cardiff.

ROSS - On June 18th 1993, suddenly in Edinburgh, John Norman Robb, formerly Norman Spottiswoode Robson aged 76 years, journalist and novelist, much loved father of Anna. Funeral Service in Mortonhall Crematorium Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh, on Thursday June 24th at 12.45 pm.

TOLLER - Ursula Doris (Tiny), suddenly on Friday 18th June, beloved sister of Dick, Tom and Charlie. Funeral 1.45 pm on Thursday 24th June at Gresford Parish Church. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Gresford Parish Church, Wrexham.

WORGER - On June 19th peacefully at home in Eastbourne, Dorothy Joyce. Former Headmistress of Northwood College. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Tuesday June 29th at 1.45 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired for Royal National Institute for the Deaf, c/o Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

GUEST - The funeral of Edith Mary Guest will be at Hamnish Church at 3 pm on Thursday 24th June.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CLORE - Francine. A Memorial Service for Francine Clore (née Halphen) will be held on Monday 28th June at 12 noon at the Synagogue de la Victoire, 17 Rue Saint Georges, Paris IX.

MESSINA - Cedric Eugene, BBC Drama Producer/Director will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, at 12 noon on Thursday 8th July 1993.

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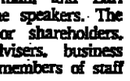

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OBITUARIES

PATRICIA NIXON

Patricia Nixon, wife of the 37th President of the United States, died yesterday of lung cancer at their home in New Jersey aged 81. She was born in Ely, Nevada, on March 16, 1912.

OF ALL the First Ladies who have recently occupied the White House, Patricia Nixon was perhaps the most stoic and the least pretentious. Despite the expression of rapt admiration with which she would watch her husband speak, she herself came to loathe the life of politics and more than once had urged him to give it up. It was, therefore, especially poignant that she should have had to share in the long drawn-out drama of Watergate which ended with Richard Nixon being the first US president forced to resign.

An intensely private person, "Pat" Nixon found herself thrust into national prominence as long ago as 1952. When under attack for his use of a "slush" fund in the first Eisenhower presidential campaign, the young Nixon, who was running for vice-president, did not hesitate to exploit his wife. Not only, as he delivered his notorious "Checkers" television speech, was she made to sit in camera shot with him in the studio; she was also the subject of perhaps the most mocked line in the broadcast — the one about her not possessing a mink coat but being the proud wearer of a respectable, Republican cloth one.

In the second of her husband's famous "six crises" Pat Nixon, who had some Irish blood in her veins, was, in fact, more inclined to battle things out than she was subsequently to be. Only a couple of years later she was in favour of her husband resigning the vice-presidency after only one term, feeling that Eisenhower had been less than fully supportive of him; and, after Nixon's narrow defeat by John F. Kennedy in the 1960 presidential election, she was passionately against him ever running for office again. Showing, for once, greater political acumen than he did, she argued particularly strongly against his disastrous bid for the governorship of California in 1962 and accepted with resignation rather than enthusiasm his decision to go after the presidency again in 1968.

Thelma Catherine Ryan — she later adopted the Christian name of Patricia, apparently because she had been born on the eve of St Patrick's Day — was the daughter of a German mother, who died when she was 13, and an Irish father. She was brought up in Artesia, California, a few miles from Richard Nixon's own home town of Yorba Linda. The two first met at an audition for an amateur theatrical production — and at the beginning it was the youthful lawyer, already the victim of one broken engagement, who made all the running. A good-looking woman with marvellous golden red hair, Pat Ryan was markedly more popular and poised than her suitor. But one quality Nixon has never lacked is dogged determination; within a year, he had broken down the resistance of the 26-year-old schoolteacher he so much admired (he was later to say that, after he met Pat, he never looked at another girl again). The young couple became engaged in March 1939 and were married in June 1940.

The United States had not at that stage entered the second world war and at first they settled down to married life in Los Angeles. Nixon was angling at the time for a seat in the California state legislature but Pearl Harbor put all such plans on hold. He did not, though, immediately enlist, preferring to go as a civil servant to Washington, where he and Pat set up house in 1942. But six months later he had joined the US Navy, to the horror of his Quaker parents but to the relief of his wife, who was later to explain: "I would have felt mighty uncomfortable if Dick hadn't done his part."

If she did apply any pressure, Nixon afterwards should certainly have felt grateful for it. For, without his naval officer's uniform, it is highly questionable whether he would ever have been chosen as the Republican candidate for California's 12th congressional district at the end of 1945. With her all-American appearance — bright, blonde and neat — Pat Nixon soon proved the ideal candidate's wife, even managing to produce their first daughter well in time for polling day. At this stage of his political career she was always a tower of strength to her husband, not least in displaying the warmth and humanity — she was especially good with children — that Nixon himself, for all his efforts, was never quite able to show. Revealingly of her attitude at the time, she was among the strongest advocates of his following up his congressional victory of 1946 with a run for the senate in 1950.

What subsequently led to their drifting apart can only be a matter for conjecture — but if it remained a marriage, it soon ceased to be any form of political partnership. Indeed, as the years went by, Pat Nixon betrayed an increasing distaste for the intrusive demands of political life — whether as the wife of a senator, a vice-president or a president. One chilling story perhaps tells it all. On the day the Nixons had to leave the White House in August 1974, the disgraced president was about to deliver his final speech to his staff when his wife suddenly noticed three television cameras in the East Room where everyone had assembled. "Television?" Mrs Nixon asked sharply. "Who authorised television?" A public man to the end, her husband had no alternative but to reply grimly: "I did — let's get in there." He then proceeded to make a rambling speech in which he went on at length about his dead mother and did not mention his wife once.

It says much for Pat Nixon's qualities that, in exile in San Clemente, she devotedly nursed the now officially pardoned ex-president through his recuperation after an attack of phlebitis in October 1974 that nearly killed him. She herself suffered a stroke in July 1976, allegedly as a result of reading Bob Woodward's and Carl Bernstein's *The Final Days* in which she was portrayed as a drunken recluse. She faithfully followed her husband in his moves back first to New York City and then to Park Ridge, New Jersey. She no longer, however, felt it necessary to put in many public appearances, seldom showing up even at the dinner parties for writers and journalists with which Nixon tried to further his quest for rehabilitation.

But she did make the supreme effort not only to be present, but actually to make a speech, when the Nixon presidential library was finally unveiled at Yorba Linda on July 19, 1990. Frail, unsteady on her feet, and already suffering from breathing difficulty, she was considered by many to be the star of the show.

Patricia Nixon is survived by her husband, who was ten months younger than she was, and by their two daughters, Tricia and Julie, the latter of whom married Eisenhower's grandson.

COLONEL JOHN BALLENDEN

Colonel John Patrick St Clair Ballenden, OBE, MC, soldier and barrister, died aboard a yacht off the French coast on June 15 aged 64. He was born on May 12 1929.

JOHN BALLENDEN was known throughout Devon as the "Rumpole of the West". Not only did he look like Horace Rumpole but he shared the same down-to-earth approach as a defence advocate. The sobriquet was openly recognised in the courts. One female witness who was asked to describe her distance from the scene of the crime, calmly replied: "About as far as from me to old Rumpole over there".

Yet despite his large criminal practice and his still larger reputation in the West Country, the law was Ballenden's second career. It followed a distinguished one in the Army. He won his MC in Korea. A subaltern aged 22, he led a platoon of "A" company, King's Shropshire Light Infantry (KSLI) up the steep, densely wooded slopes of Hill 227 at Kowang San to help capture a Chinese position at the top. Despite being wounded in the arm 50 yards from the summit, Ballenden pressed on with his men, supported by a lone Centurion tank, while stick grenades rained down on them from above. Ballenden's arm was broken after being hit a second time.

The citation for his medal referred to his "personal bravery and coolness which were an inspiration to his men and were in the highest traditions of the service".

Ballenden went on to serve in British Honduras, Malaya, Mauritius, Northern Ireland, Hong Kong and West Germany over 30 years. He also spent three years in the late 1950s in the Army's Glider Pilot Regiment.

He was the last commanding officer of the KSLI (and, briefly, the youngest commanding officer in the British Army) and the first of the new 3rd Battalion Light Infantry (3LI) as a result of the 1968 reorganisation. In the same year he took the 3LI to Mauritius when it not only put down race riots (Muslims versus Creoles) but won the Wilkinson Sword of Peace for hearts and minds operations among the local people.

Then in 1969, shortly after its return to Britain, the battalion was rushed to Ulster where it became the first on the streets of Belfast in the early days of the province's present troubles. Ballenden was made military OBE for the valour he again showed in action.

He had wanted to be a soldier as a boy. Born at Dudley in the West Midlands, he was brought up at Pontesbury, near Shrewsbury, where his father was a general practitioner. He was educated at Douai School on the wishes of his mother, a Roman Catholic, then at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst — from where he entered his county regiment.

A QC with whom he toured the battlefields of Normandy while on the directing staff of the staff college at Camberley, advised him to read for the bar. He started studying during his spare time in the Army and was called to the bar by Gray's Inn shortly after retiring from the Army in 1975.

In addition to working from his chambers in Exeter, he took on several part-time legal appointments. He was a kindly chairman of pensions appeal tribunals, hearing disputed claims over service pensions, and was also an assistant Judge Advocate-General — officiating at courts martial both in this country and in Germany.

He was referred to in the Light Infantry as "Big John", which signified the strength of his character, not just his size. He would stride through the camp with a bugler, whose job it was to sound a warning call that "Big John" was on his rounds.

He was an immensely tough man, a good skier and rugby player — who continued playing against far younger men. But sailing became the great passion of his life.

Skippering a boat in the first South Atlantic race over twenty years ago, he found himself becalmed just before the finish, as they were about to enter Rio de Janeiro. Ballenden is said to have shouted at the statue of Christ on the mountain above: "For God's sake, just don't stand there. Do something."

It was appropriate that he should end his days on his yacht *Apothecary* (he bought it from a chemist), collapsing on board off the coast of Brittany. He is survived by his wife Daphne.

JOHN M. TODD

John M. Todd, publisher, Roman Catholic layman, author and Reformation scholar, died on June 9 aged 75. He was born on May 27, 1918.

JOHN Murray Todd was a figure of considerable importance in the religious life of this country, as a publisher and co-founder of Darton, Longman and Todd and as a scholar and lay theologian. He was born into a family of Liverpool industrialists, thus giving him a degree of financial independence. He was educated at Wellington and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he read history. At the time of graduating he was an agnostic. At the start of the war he declared himself a conscientious objector. He formed a land community in Somerset.

On reading Christopher Dawson's book *The Making of History* he developed an intellectual interest in the Roman Catholic Church and became a Catholic in 1944. Downside Abbey was a few miles away and he came under strong Benedictine influence.

Todd immersed himself in Catholic life and his exploration of the *res catholica*. He was a passionate champion of the role of the laity in the Church and to this end co-founded the Catholic People's Weeks. In 1951, he was a delegate in Rome at the first Council of the Lay Apostolate.

An important event occurred in his life in 1956 when he was invited to join Longmans Green to become an editor in the religious book-department, then under the care of Michael Longman. It was Longmans who published Todd's masterly study of John Wesley (1958) which set him on fresh ecumenical paths. In those pre-Conciliar times it was faintly shocking that a Catholic should devote time and energy to writing about non-Catholic religious figures. In 1964 he went on to publish a biography of Martin Luther, which established him as one of the foremost English Reformation scholars.

In 1959, against Michael Longman's wishes, Longmans were sold to Pearson. As a protest, Michael Longman invited John Todd and another Longman employee, Tim Darton, to help him set up Darton, Longman and Todd, a truly independent, ecumenical publishing house, untied by confessional or corporate interests.

In this new atmosphere, John Todd came into his own as a publisher. It was the eve of the Second Vatican Council and he was able to bring to English readers the very best of liberal reformist Catholic theology. He published Karl Rahner, Yves Congar, Henri de Lubac and Christopher Butler. What also secured Darton, Longman and Todd's position at the forefront of religious publishing, and gave the company long-term financial stability was the publication in 1966 of *The Jerusalem Bible*. *The New English Bible* had not yet been published in its entirety and Cardinal Heenan of Westminster was delighted to be ahead of the game with this new version in contemporary English. It was promptly adopted for liturgical use. Todd was associated with this brilliant publishing coup at every stage.

As the ferment in religious and theological exploration developed over the next decade Todd continued in the forefront as a pioneer aided by his young colleague, Robin Baird-Smith. Many non-Catholic authors were added to the list — Alan Ecclestone, W. H. Vanstone and Bishop Michael Ramsey. He published new books for religious education and in 1978 published the enormously influential *Dictionary of Medical Ethics*. His interests expanded far beyond the strictly religious.

In 1972 he was commissioned to write a new book, *Reformation*, which showed how his studies of the original Protestant Reformation cast important light on the contemporary Catholic Church still struggling to reform itself from within. Here was a vision of a Church *semper reformanda*.

In 1973, with Lord Hylton, he founded the Amerdown Study Centre. This exemplified Todd's ideals for educating the Catholic laity. A further study of Luther was published in 1982 and in recognition of his contribution to historical scholarship, he was appointed visiting professor at King's College, London, from 1983 to 1986. He was also a visiting professor at Boston College, Massachusetts.

At the end of the the 1980s John Todd retired to his charming 18th-century house in Somerset where he continued to write and attend to his small holding. His last years were among his happiest.

He is survived by his wife Patricia and three children.

LOUIS van PRAAG

Louis van Praag, CBE, industrialist and design consultant, died in Oxford on June 1 aged 71. He was born in London on August 9, 1921.

FROM time to time the narrow texture of British life is enlivened by those who bring to it a wider experience, a more continental style or cosmopolitan outlook. Since Prince Albert's presidency, the Royal Society of Arts has been a natural home for such people. Louis van Praag was a classic example — and recognised as such when he was awarded the RSA's bicentenary medal in 1989.

This medal is awarded to "a person who, in a manner other than as an industrial designer, has exerted an exceptional influence in promoting art and design in British industry". This he did.

Louis van Praag had a passionate concern for good design. He understood its fundamental role both in successful manufacture and in effective education. His active chairmanship of the Managing Design project (1982-91), for example, resulted in a report which impressed the Fulbright Commission, the French government and Margaret Thatcher alike. He chaired the Design Research Committee (1976-79), the DTI working party on Management of Design (1980-84), the DOE working party industry Lead Body for Design (1989-90) and the DTI steering group for the Management of Design (1989-93). And he gave his time generously to the world of education, to the Council for National Academic Awards, the Royal College of Art, and the London Business School especially.

His parents were Dutch. They had met and married in London, where Louis (and his brother, the painter Arnold van Praag) were born. He was educated at Dame Alice Owen's School. His father encouraged him to continue his studies at the Sorbonne, where he developed an appetite for languages which in due course equipped him with fluent French, German and Dutch, and functional Italian. He joined the RAF on the outbreak of war and rose to the rank of squadron-leader by the age of 22. Twice mentioned in dispatches, he flew on secret missions to France, of which he rarely spoke. Instead he liked to tell (with a smile) of his role in the RAF show-jumping team when he was a member of the occupying forces in Germany after the war. Later on he took up skiing.

Van Praag was a man of parts. He loved the arts, and contributed to them in many ways — as an adviser on music and museums in Oxford, for example, and as the translator of the love poetry of La Belle Cordière (the 16th-century French poet, Louise Labe). He was cultured without snobbery, generous without imposing obligations, courageous without ostentation, and affectionate without reserve. Those qualities shone through his life, and were evident in his last days — when he could still find time and energy to contribute ideas for Marks & Spencer's forthcoming collection of men's clothes. Twice married, he leaves three sons and three daughters.

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SPEED LIMIT FOR HEAVY VEHICLES

RETENTION OF 20 M.P.H.

WESTMINSTER, Monday

Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Minister of Transport, told the House of Commons today that he had reluctantly come to the conclusion that the present time was not opportune for him to increase the speed limit of heavy goods vehicles from 20 to 30 miles an hour.

Answering questions from Mr. Nabarro (Kidderminster, C.), Sir Wavell Wakefield (St Marylebone, C.) and Lt.-Col. Bromley-Davenport (Knutsford C.), the Minister said that both he and his predecessors had been urged strongly by representatives of the manufacturers and users of heavy goods vehicles to increase the speed limit. The change had been powerfully argued both on the ground of economic use of resources at home and as an aid to the sale of vehicles abroad.

"While I am fully alive to the strength of these considerations," continued Mr Lennox-Boyd, "I do not think that action on my part to raise the speed limit can be fruitful and effective unless there is agreement in the industry as to the changes in existing arrangements which might follow. After careful consideration of the matter from this viewpoint, I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the present time is not opportune for me to place the necessary regulations before Parliament for affirmative resolution." (Opposition cheers.)

THE INDUSTRY'S VIEW

Mr. Nabarro asked if the Minister could say what parties within the industry were opposed to the proposals and what prospects there were of reaching agreement, for the matter had now been debated — with powerful support for the proposal — for more than three years. Mr. Lennox-Boyd replied that if there was to be agreement within the industry it would be as well not to specify the attitude of the various parties in it. (Opposition cheers.) Sir Wavell Wakefield said that, as the decision would mean increased unemployment in the heavy vehicle industry because of inability to expand exports, would the Minister review the situation at an early date?

The Minister said that if that was the view of the manufacturing industry, including the workers in it, he hoped they would put that point of view before the workers in the operative side.

Mr. Arthur Lewis (West Ham, North, Lab.) said that the men who had to drive the lorries, and the unions that represented them, would be pleased with the Minister's answer, and Mr. Paget (Northampton, Lab.) caused much laughter by inquiring if the Minister had ever met one of those vehicles actually going at under 20 miles an hour.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd states in a Parliamentary written reply that in 1951 there were 3,074 prosecutions of passenger vehicles and 30,981 for goods vehicles for exceeding speed limits.

"SCARED" OF TRADE UNIONS

Mr. Frank F. Fowler, the representative of the Road Haulage Association on the committee, said the only reason for the Government not making the Order was that it was scared of the trade union side.

ON THIS DAY

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During this discussion on the speed limit for heavy goods vehicles — which was to be kept to 20mph — the Minister of Transport was asked if he had ever met one of these vehicles actually travelling at under 20mph.

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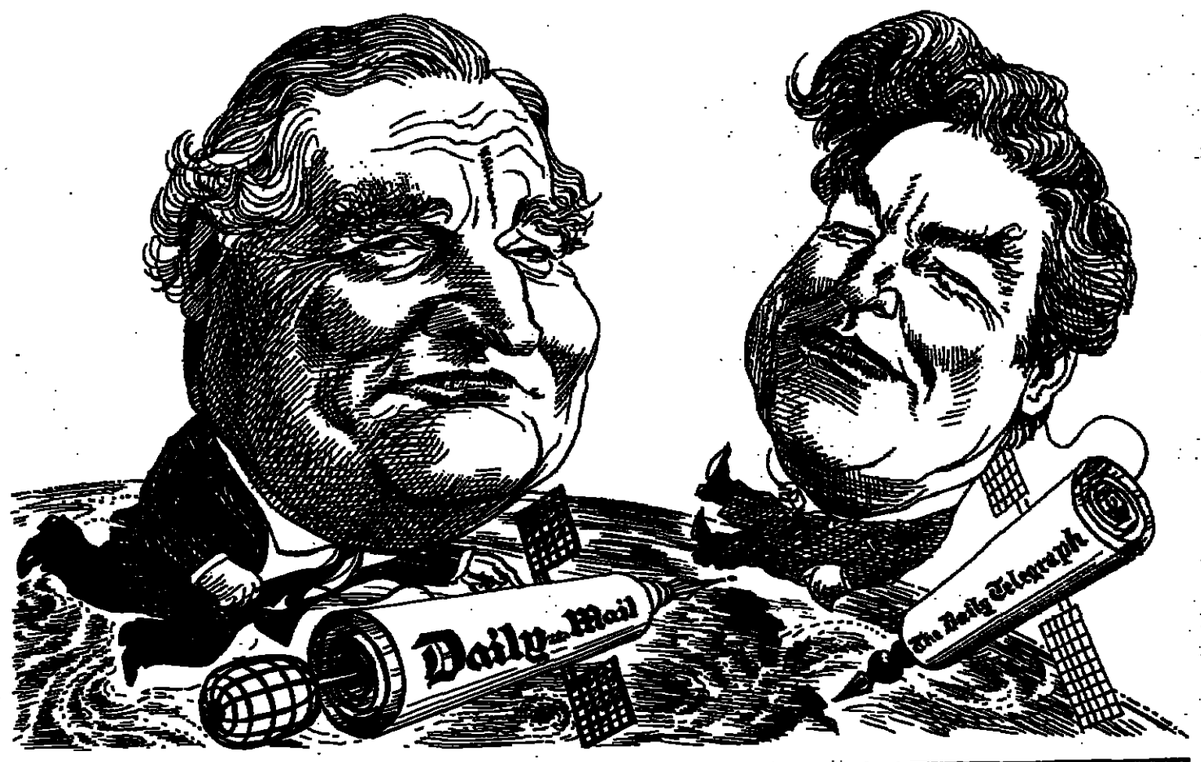

A taste for talent; talented hyenas

"What is your method for choosing an editor?" "Well, you know, I haven't really chosen all that many," the chairman of Associated Newspapers replied. This is true: Lord Rothermere's editors, with the exception of the launch editor of *The Mail on Sunday*, have exceptionally long tenures.

"But it goes without saying that you're looking for talent. And you're looking for a man who combines a lot of different talents. First of all, he has to know how to produce a newspaper, he has to understand typography, he has to be creative, he has to be able to write. Because editing goes along with the recruiting of writers, a good editor has to be able to create his own writers. He also has to manage a department and give leadership to his staff — and charismatic editors do this — to get the best out of his people. And he has to combine not only enormous skills, but also have a lot of art. And he has of course to be in tune, or be able to get himself in tune, with the readership he's addressing.

"Now these are very difficult things to get. Some of them you can ascertain beforehand — find out if he has any knowledge of type — but the other matters you really can't tell until the man has the responsibility. Because, you see, in this business people have a sort of literary persona, which is distinct from their everyday persona. It comes through not only in the articles they write themselves, but in the whole newspaper. This is very important because it's the charm, and you can't know whether somebody has this ability until they're actually doing the job.

"Sometimes you'll find this able and charming man, but what he produces is something that's entirely lacking in charm. So it's a guess, you have to wait and see."

"Presumably, if you choose the wrong person you've got to change them pretty quickly?"

"Oh yes. It's far too important a job to be sentimental over it."

"I keep being told you are an eccentric owner, because you like journalists."

"Like keeping a hyena as a pet, you mean!" Much noisy, high-pitched, hyena-like laughter. But then he added in a no-seriously-now voice: "No, I do quite like journalists you know, I actually don't think they're all hyenas by any means. Seriously, a cross-section of them can be very talented, clever and amusing people," he added with great sincerity, as though half-expecting to be contradicted.

"Your newspapers have a reputation for office politics," I said. "The corporate culture seems to encourage infighting: several people being given the same brief, to see who rises to the top of the pile."

Lord Rothermere nodded sagely. "I think that's the mark of a good editor, keeping people motivated and on their toes."

"He once summed his job up by saying that it isn't too difficult to run a newspaper if you appreciate the creative side," Sir David English, chairman and editor in chief of Associated Newspapers, said. "His great-uncle Lord Northcliffe had started the *Mail* by getting a fantastic team of journalists and indulging them and encouraging them and stroking them and rewarding them and driving them as well. They were the cream of the organisation and in the old *Daily Mail* building they had the best offices and incredible expenses and dined at the Savoy and went off first-class around the world.

"Journalists work very well when they're treated like that; if you can also motivate their natural competitive spirits they'll work extremely hard. But they've got to be treated like stars. The business people in Northcliffe's day were all at the back of Northcliffe House, sitting on high stools adding up the money in very cramped offices. And they were naturally deeply resentful and jealous of the journalists and all the high-kicking gang around Northcliffe.

"So when Northcliffe died, Vere [Harmsworth, now Lord Rothermere]'s grandfather pushed all the journalists into the back rooms and cut their salaries and inflated all the management, so that they became the ones who started arriving in expensive cars and suits and highly polished shoes and dining at the Savoy. And from that point on the sales of the *Daily Mail* went down and the sales of the *Daily Express* went up.

"Vere said his father continued that tradition because he too believed that journalists were interchangeable, you just went out into Fleet Street and rounded up the nearest ten and you had ten journalists. They didn't understand it had to be the right ten or it wouldn't work. So all Vere did when he took over, he told me, was to kick all the management back into the back rooms and let English and all his people have the best offices and the best expenses and the sales of the paper went up! That's all you have to do if you want to be a newspaper proprietor! Well, that's a shortened version of what you have to do, but there's a hell of a lot of truth in it."

Something I wanted to discover was the extent to which he feels accountable for his newspapers' gossip pages. Both the *Daily Mail* and *The Mail on Sunday* have as their gossip columnist the omnipresent Nigel Dempster. The women Lord Rothermere is seated next to at London parties invariably scan Dempster, even if they do so surreptitiously. Most of them have also appeared on his page. So he is cross-examined about his famous gossip columnist out of all proportion (as Lord Rothermere sees it) to Dempster's seniority on the paper.

"Do your friends sometimes berate you," I asked him, "about stories in Dempster's column about rocky marriages, elopements, that kind of thing?"

"Well, they used to a lot when I lived in England, but I don't live in England now, so they can't!" He guffawed. "That's why I live in Paris!" He guffawed again.

"He's never interfered with me in my life," Dempster said. "When I started to write the column in 1973 my very first story was that Annabel Birley was about to have a child and that Mark Birley [the owner of the nightclub Annabel's in Berkeley Square] was not the father — they were obviously still married then — and that in fact Jimmy [Sir James] Goldsmith was the father. I had rung up Jimmy and the telephone was answered by Nicholas Soames, his faithful ADC, and he put me through to Jimmy who laughed and said: 'Be very careful, Dempster. I can't deny this, but be very careful.' So I broke the story on October 8 1973, and wrote that Goldsmith and Birley, who'd been at Eton together, blah blah blah, a great story.

"Anyway, that very evening Vere and Pat [his wife, the late 'Bubbles'] went into Annabel's, to be met by an incandescent Mark Birley who, as fate will always have it in these terrible altercations, allowed Pat to stay in the club but threw Vere out. And I never heard about this until four or five years later, when someone said to me: 'You realise that because of you your boss was thrown out of Annabel's. It was that story you wrote about Jimmy and Mark.'

"The fact that Vere didn't tell me, and remonstrate with me, shows what an amazing man he is."

The relationship between proprietor and gossip columnist is an interesting one, and more so for Lord Rothermere than any other proprietor. When one of his contemporaries from school runs off with another man's wife it is highly probable that the story will be published first in Lord Rothermere's newspaper. When one of his fellow members of Boodle's, the Beefsteak, or the Brook in New York is cuckolded by a polo player, it is Lord Rothermere's paper that broadcasts his mortification.

Lord Rothermere, of course, seldom has the remotest notion of what is about to be published and yet, just as the owner of a international hotel group is vicariously blamed for a broken bathroom tap, he is ultimately responsible. And as controlling shareholder, he cannot even hide behind his statutory duty to the shareholders, and justify gossip as a necessarily evil for circulation.

Looking for the perfect balance

When I pitched a general question about the role of the owner in a newspaper group like the Daily Telegraph Plc, I received a reply of such length, precision and complexity that it threatened to add several dozen extra pages to my book.

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Still in love with his papers

When I lived in New York," said the chief executive of the News Corporation, "I could get the British papers the same day, the whole pile of them. I miss that, especially the Sunday ones. It's a bit disappointing [getting them] on a Monday and it keeps me awake half Monday night.

"There's so much good stuff in the British Sundays. So much better than the American Sunday papers which, journalistically, are almost afterthoughts. They have more sections, more supplements, but the news pages are the worst of the week — lazy rubbish. In London and Australia you have a separate reporting staff to do research and keep their stories for Sunday. Sunday papers actually break news. They don't in America."

People were always telling me that Rupert Murdoch had fallen out of love with his newspapers. Even people who worked for his newspapers division said this, and it made them sound like long-suffering wives complaining that their husband was happiest these days at the office. They were suspicious, too, of his mistresses: satellite television, films, the Fox network.

But Murdoch emphatically denied any boredom. "Newspapers are still number one in terms of interest and affection and psychic return, or whatever one might call it," he said. "I love newspapers. I enjoy my involvement with them, after 40 years I feel I understand them pretty well. I was trained in newspapers and the company's founded in newspapers. But that used to be the *only* medium. Now there's other media and I would maintain that one needn't look at one media form so differently from another — there are different techniques but they're still the same editing functions and very largely the same skills."

I asked him what else he would like to get his hands on. "No question," he said, "*The New York Times, Washington Post, LA Times*. I think you'd put it in that order. But as a business, of those three I'd choose the *Washington Post*."

Three or four months before he died, I asked Robert Maxwell which newspaper he would buy next. "Buy next?" he boomed, looming over me like a great black Alaskan bear. "You know I may not tell you that. But I can tell you this much: I will be buying a British newspaper from a *very prominent publisher*."

It was clear I was expected to supply suggestions. "Rupert Murdoch?"

"You know I may not confirm that." But he looked pleased. "Nor may I name the daily newspaper in question. But I will tell you this. It does not compete with any of my papers." This left *The Times*. I took a punt on it. He beamed, and winked at me conspiratorially.

Six months later, I asked Murdoch whether he'd known that Maxwell had been stalking *The Times*. Murdoch gave a ghoulish laugh. "I always knew he was a total buffoon really. But once he got the *Mirror*, part of his buffoonery was: 'This is a massive battle worldwide, Murdoch and Maxwell.' I never spoke about him, but he couldn't stop talking about me. Whatever we did, he wanted to do it too."

Maxwell conceived an extraordinary fascination for the minutiae of how his rival ran his life and controlled his empire, and by extension for anyone who worked for Murdoch. At meetings he would gleefully declare, "Let us see Mr Murdoch's face when he hears this," although the subject under discussion — a new newspaper promotion or competition — would generally have left Murdoch underwhelmed.

There is a story that expresses better than anything the childishness of Maxwell's obsession with Murdoch. The two proprietors were by chance both lunching on the same day at the Savoy Grill, sitting at separate booths along the back wall. After lunch, on his way out, Maxwell lumbered over to Murdoch's table to exchange bumptious pleasantries. In the course of their short conversation, Murdoch mentioned that he was catching the 5pm Concorde flight back to New York and that he had a business dinner in a restaurant that evening in Manhattan.

While Maxwell was being driven back to his office in Holborn, he decided on a whim that he would turn up in the same restaurant himself. Since Murdoch would know that Maxwell hadn't been on the Concorde flight, he would realise that he had flown the Atlantic by private jet. Maxwell had recently bought a Gulfstream G-4, of which he was inordinately proud, and this would be a brilliant means of impressing his superiority over Murdoch, who flew only by public transport.

Maxwell's secretaries were always adept at discovering where other tycoons were going to eat (Maxwell originally forced an introduction to the financier Saul Steinberg by reserving the adjacent table at a breakfast meeting) and it was duly reported that Murdoch would be dining that night at the Four Seasons Grill Room on East 52nd and Park Avenue.

Beaming with delight at his crafty plan, Maxwell was shuttled by helicopter to the airfield and flew off to New York and his strategically placed table for one. There he waited, and waited. At every moment he expected to astonish Murdoch. But he waited in vain. Exhausted by his long day, Murdoch had altered his plans. His dinner guest had been invited for a drink at his apartment on Park Avenue instead.

Masters of their universe: (facing page) Lord Rothermere and Conrad Black; (above) Rupert Murdoch and Lord Stevens

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ever its chosen orientation may be, it is important in such a newspaper, as it is in most organisations, to have some sort of balance. The role of the proprietor is, in some measure, to ensure that balance, by which I mean to ensure that none of the constituent factions effectively operates the newspaper to the exclusion of the others. And I think that the proprietor must use his influence to recruit and maintain the strongest possible working press for the purposes that particular newspaper is trying to serve, support the journalists and the editors who are there — if unfairly and unreasonably attacked or harassed unreasonably by litigious people — but also provide, when it is necessary, some *restraint* in the tendency of elements of the working press to indulge in *peculiarities* or *eccentricities*.

"A newspaper that is run by the journalists tends, in my experience, to be *sanctimonious* and *tendentious*. Therefore there is, in my judgment, a role for the proprietor to ensure that the journalistic input in a newspaper is optimised — to use the jargon — that it is at its maximum level in the best way that it can express itself. And, of course, I don't mean to focus exclusively on the relations between the proprietor and the journalists.

"It is also the job of the proprietor to make sure that the business is well run, and in that matter there is no one else to do that job as efficiently as he can do it, since he is after all speaking of *his own money*. And there is in my opinion no contradiction between — or there need be no contradiction whatsoever between — a newspaper that is both a good newspaper and a good business. And I hope, *with no unbecoming lack of humility*, that this company is an illustration of that."

"Isn't it rather frustrating being just the owner, rather than the editor?" I asked him. "You must keep opening up your own newspapers and reading opinions that aren't yours at all."

"I think it would be to some people, but not to me because I find the best way of avoiding that is to hire editors I'm in agreement with. What are the alternatives? An absolutely hands-off approach to editorial? I couldn't do that, I'd be having apoplexy every time I read one of our papers.

"Alternatively, you can meticulously interfere with and supervise the editors. But in the first place, if you're going to do the job of editor yourself you might as well dispense with the editor and take the title and, you know, I have neither the time nor the qualifications to do that. And in the second place you won't, in my opinion, get the highest-quality people to work on that basis. High-quality people require a bit more autonomy than that.

"A third alternative is, in effect, the capricious and frequent change of editor. A number of prominent London newspapers have been in that position in the past few years. Sacking editors, like the decapitation of any organisation, is very destabilising."

"Is the political influence of newspaper owners as great as it's cracked up to be?"

"It's greater in this country than in North America, but I think it's exaggerated. On the other hand it's the old story: if you're *perceived* as having influence in a sense you *do* have it."

"Do you get politicians vying for your ear and friendship?"

"I would be unfairly disparaging them as a community and taking vainglorious airs on to myself to say any such thing. What I do find is that the leading personalities in the governing party tend to give a lot of time and attention to various *Telegraph* personalities.

"But all they are ever really asking for is a fair hearing. I have a fairly extensive experience of dealing with politicians in one jurisdiction or another and I've found the ones here to be quite correct in their relations with the press."

Hater of yes-men, stopper of presses

I have the first edition delivered to my home every evening, and I try to look at it straight away." What time does it arrive? About ten o'clock? "Not early enough," Lord Stevens, the chairman of United Newspapers, said. "No, it arrives about 11. The editor receives *his* an hour earlier — *at least*. So I'm not quite sure why I get *mine* so late because, I mean, it's coming off the presses at — what, 9.30? — so there's no reason. I get my *Sunday Express* at 8.15 on Saturday evening."

"Which gives you time to check for mistakes?"

"Well I did stop the presses once, about two years ago. They had an article about tax on pension funds in the City column and it was complete nonsense from start to finish. So I phoned up — it was about ten o'clock at night — and got hold of the . . . who did I get? Someone on the back bench [night editors] anyway. And I said to the back bench that this was the chairman speaking and that this article was complete gobbledegook and would have to be rewritten. I said: 'You can't possibly let the paper go out like this. Stop the presses and I'll hold on.' you see. So he came back to me after a bit and said: 'The presses have been stopped, chairman.' I said: 'Thank you very much. But, purely as a matter of interest, how do you know that I *am* the chairman?' "

Lord Stevens chuckled heartily at the memory of this exchange. "Anyway, it was altered. Well, I rewrote it. I dictated it to them and then asked them to read it back to them, which they did."

"Was it a long article?"

"About 100 words." A paragraph. "Not difficult, if you know your business. If you know your business it is easy to dictate 500 to 1,000 words, I can do it straight away without any notes."

I had been told that Lord Stevens likes to make suggestions for articles. And when he makes them, he is impatient to read the article he suggested in his newspapers. At the fortnightly lunches he hosts for his editors, he makes his opinions known.

Lord Stevens likes: articles about medical transplants, women and babies, anti-litter campaigns.

Lord Stevens dislikes: hounding the Duchess of York, hounding the royal family generally ("we could destroy the social fabric"), ignorant disparagement of prominent City figures unless they genuinely merit it.

Occasionally Lord Stevens will summon contributors to the *Daily Express* to his office, to put them right on topics of the day. Charles Moore [now editor of the *Sunday Telegraph*] was once called to Devonshire Square when he wrote a weekly *Express* column to be given the Stevens line on Hong Kong, which was diametrically opposed to his own.

I asked Lord Stevens whether these proprietor-to-columnist briefings were routine practice. "No, but I thought he got Hong Kong wrong. Charles Moore's an able man, but I think he's a trifle arrogant, let's put it that way. On the other hand I respect him for sticking to his views. What I'm not keen on is when you talk to somebody and he says: 'Oh yes, chairman, you're absolutely right.' I don't necessarily want people to do that."

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Every reader gets the picture

A new quarterly magazine focuses on reviving the art of photojournalism

MORE than 30 years after the demise of *Picture Post* magazine, which was as much a social phenomenon in the war years as ration books and air raid sirens, a group of photographers and editors is attempting to revive the tradition of photojournalism in Britain.

The first issue of *Reportage*, a quarterly magazine, will be launched tomorrow, featuring on the cover an erotic black and white picture of a boxer in a New York gym by the Italian photographer Georgia Fiorio.

According to Colin Jacobson, its founding editor, the 36-page publication aims to reverse the strong cultural bias against photography that exists within British journalism, and to restore pictures as an essential part of the journalistic process.

The magazine will be a showcase for the work of the world's leading photographers as well as a platform for newcomers to the profession. Printed in duotone — which uses two shades of black to give black and white photographs more depth — on high quality paper, each issue of *Reportage* will carry a free poster, which its editors hope will become collectors' items. The first poster is by the Argentinian photographer Christopher Pillitz.

Mr Jacobson, who is also picture editor of the *Independent Magazine*, insists, however, that *Reportage* will not be an art book. Nor will it carry *Hello!*-style celebrity portraits. It will consist of topical, hard-hitting photo-essays spread over four to eight pages and accompanied by anything between 25 and 800 words of text, often written by the photographers themselves.

"IT WILL show that black and white pictures can be used to tell all kinds of stories, not just the kind of stereotyped images of marginal life and suffering that they are usually associated with," he said. "We will reverse the normal editorial process by arranging the words around the pictures."

The editor rejects the notion that the dominance of national newspapers in Britain militates against the success of highly visual national news magazines.

"The United States and most Western European countries have successful news magazines, but in Britain there has never been a serious attempt to produce such a thing because the literary, Oxbridge bias of print journalism has turned us into an avisual country," he said.

Launching a new, untried format in a period of recession, especially when you are committed, as *Reportage* is, to carrying only one advertisement per issue (and even that is relegated to the back cover), is a risky business. The first four issues of the magazine, which will have a print run of 8,000, are being launched on a total investment of just £55,000 and its four staff and all the initial contributors will be unpaid.

Punchy: the first cover

Mr Jacobson is banking on *Reportage*'s novelty factor, however, to boost sales and hopes that eventually photographers will be queuing up to appear in it.

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NEWS

Kohl retreats on Bosnia policy

■ The European Community strove to patch up its battered policy over Bosnia-Herzegovina with an offer of troops and cash to protect "safe areas" after Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, failed to persuade his fellow leaders to end the ban on arming the Muslims.

Herr Kohl's call for the embargo to be lifted split the Copenhagen summit, provoking fierce debate on Monday night and in formal talks yesterday..... **Pages 1, 11, 13**

Back me or sack me, says Mates

■ A Defiant Michael Mates insisted that he had the full confidence of the prime minister and would not resign from the government as the controversy over Asil Nadir's links with the Conservative party exploded in a barrage of cross-party recrimination ..... **Page 1**

Fighting for cash

There were beggars, buskers and down-at-heel bums around the Royal Festival Hall in central London yesterday, but they live there. The Lloyd's names, individual investors in the London insurance market whose financial losses have been the subject of much publicity and concern, were only visiting — this time..... **Page 1**

Heseltine recovering

Italian doctors said that Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, who is recovering from a heart attack, may be able to return to Britain today..... **Page 1**

Rosyth's last bid

Rosyth Royal Dockyard has halved its bid in a late effort to secure the Trident nuclear submarine refitting contract. The Scottish dockyard, which is fighting Devonport in Plymouth for the multi-billion pound contract, has cut its bid by £70 million..... **Page 2**

Hustler jailed

A pool-hall hustler was jailed for five years after winning £10,000 from a millionaire's son in an afternoon's play. When his victim would not pay, Gary Smolinsky tried to blackmail the man's parents..... **Page 3**

Nureyev's art

Rudolf Nureyev's collection of art and antiques went on display in London prior to their being auctioned at the end of the year. Christie's hopes the sales in London and New York will make £4 million..... **Page 3**

War at the pumps

A petrol price war could cost more than 22,000 jobs in three years as hundreds of garages go out of business..... **Page 5**

Suing the banks

A High Court judge cleared the way for hundreds of customers to take action against banks and building societies over the fraudulent use of bank cards in "hole-in-the-wall" machines..... **Page 7**

A chance for peace

History may well record that the war in Bosnia effectively ended today. The Serbs and Croats have fought themselves to a virtual standstill and the Muslims are left with small crumbs of comfort from the international community..... **Page 14**

Bickering French

Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, returned from the EC summit and ran straight into a quarrel involving his two senior ministers over new police powers to check the identity of foreigners..... **Page 14**

Russian aid row

Kabun Muto, the Japanese foreign minister, has condemned as "preposterous" an American proposal for a £2.6 billion privatisation fund for Russia in comments that threaten to undo the cohesion of the Group of Seven's economic stratregy towards Russia..... **Page 15**

Gentlemen put out by Big Bird

■ Gentlemen cricketers in Somerset are a mite miffed at the appearance in their midst of a player. The languid Sunday clip of leather on willow has been shattered by a Caribbean hurricane tearing across the dreamy English meadow. The gentlemen feel outclassed, not to mention petrified by Joel Garner, known as Big Bird..... **Page 5**

Holding on: Corky Warren, 54, trying to hang on to his bull in the steer wrestling competition at the National Oldtimers Rodeo in Loveland, Colorado, yesterday. Warren won the all-round title last year and is the leader in the Senior Pro Rodeo this year

DTI angst: For industry, Michael Heseltine's illness could hardly have come at a worse moment, with the future of two of Britain's biggest businesses awaiting decisions by the Department of Trade and Industry..... **Page 25**

Post plea: The government was urged to come to a decision over the privatisation of the Post Office as it announced a pretax profit of £283 million..... **Page 27**

Markets: After a bright start, the FT-SE 100 index ended up 4.2 at 2,907.6. The pound fell .71 cents to $1.4832 and .18 pfennigs to DM2.5111, ending at 79.7 on the trade-weighted index, against 79.8 at the previous close..... **Page 29**

Rugby Union: The British Isles lost to provincial opposition for the third time on their tour of New Zealand when they were beaten 29-17 by Hawke's Bay in Napier. They conceded 24 points without reply in the second half..... **Page 41**

Tennis: Thomas Muster, of Austria, the No 16 seed, was the first seed to be knocked out at Wimbledon yesterday, beaten in straight sets by Delaitre, of France. Goran Ivanisevic, the No 5 seed, went through after surviving a five-set match..... **Pages 46, 48**

Cricket: Questions are being asked about the standard of county cricket after England's seventh successive heavy Test defeat..... **Page 43**

Best view in the West: The £3.3 million Tate Gallery in St Ives is opened today by the Prince of Wales. Built on a sheer cliff, it will be a spectacular home for the St Ives school of painters..... **Page 35**

Glyndebourne exiled: While its new theatre goes up in Sussex, Glyndebourne Opera has begun a month of performances at London's Festival Hall..... **Page 35**

Provocative puppets: Will the visit of Hanoi's Water Puppets stir up bitter memories for London's Vietnamese community?..... **Page 36**

Meet me in St Louis: America's premier opera festival has opened with Massenet performed by the Mississippi..... **Page 37**

Hot and bothered: Alice Thomson asks why the British have never dressed for summer..... **Page 17**

Little blighters: "At around 4.40pm last Sunday I was burgled again. I know the time because I left the house at 4.30 and returned three hours later to find a note from the police, timed 4.47pm." Margot Norman on burglars..... **Page 16**

First edition: "I had been told that Lord Stevens likes to make suggestions for articles. And he is impatient to read the article he suggested in his newspapers." Nicholas Coleridge on Britain's press barons..... **Pages 22, 23**

Miles Maclagan, above, of Scotland, secured a place in the second round at Wimbledon, as did Chris Bailey, also of Britain
Page 48

Trevor Thomas, an ambulanceman at the Baltic Exchange bombing, killed his girl friend when she threatened to leave, a court was told
Page 3

Fikret Abdic, a Muslim, is widely tipped to take over from Alija Izetbegovic, whose tenure as Bosnia's president looks shaky
Page 14

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Sly hits a high

■ With *Cliffhanger*, a thriller set in the Rocky Mountains, Sylvester Stallone has returned to a familiar role: the action-man facing fearful odds

Rising in the West

■ Where Somerset leads will the rest of the country follow? William Rees-Mogg on the rise of the Liberal Democrats

Going further to save more

■ Off to the Mediterranean this summer? It could be cheaper to take your family to the Caribbean

The second in David Jessel's occasional series on possible cases of miscarriages of justice, *Trial and Error* (Channel 4, 9.00pm), re-examines evidence concerning a murder eight years ago..... **Page 47**

Carter revisited

Warren Christopher may have qualities, but dynamism, creativity, vision and leadership are not among them. If the Clinton Mark II presidency is to take shape abroad the search must start for a secretary of state worthy of the name..... **Page 19**

Selling the charter

The Conservative right still regard the charter as a fudge. The left see it as a poor substitute for investment. Yet value for money and accountability to the taxpayer could scarcely be more important..... **Page 19**

Loss but not a scandal

Mr Rowland may plead that his internal reforms are drastic, and deserve the confidence of outside names, but there is no sign that they are convinced..... **Page 19**

SIMON JENKINS

The Great European Fog briefly cleared in Copenhagen this week to reveal two great ships steaming across a moonlit sea. Their lights were blazing, their passengers dancing. The crews had believed that they were side by side. They were not. They were miles apart. The Fog returned..... **Page 18**

ALAN COREN

In my younger days, I used to wonder what my skeleton looked like. It bothered me that I should never see it, except in X-rays, where it always appeared hilarious: there were all these little grey bones, apparently not joined together, one serious sneeze and your entire infrastructure would fall to the bottom of your legs..... **Page 18**

Correspondents comment on England's sporting fortunes..**Page 19**

Clinton should focus on putting an end to the Haitian exodus not by turning back refugees but by helping return Aristide to power and helping restore a viable democracy in Haiti *Los Angeles Times*

This is no time to relax concern for Bosnia and the region as a whole. Humanitarian aid must flow. The economic embargo on Serbia must stay on *The Washington Post*

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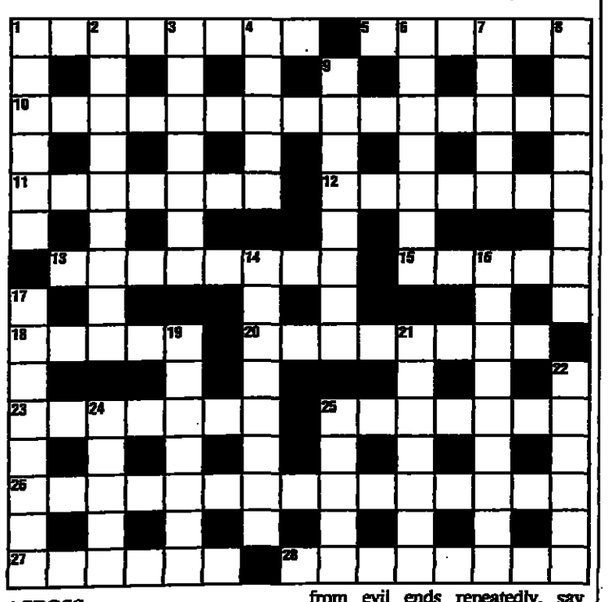

ACROSS

1 Drunken reveller's return by taxi, singing (8).
5 Pence left to keep one with meagre support in retirement (6).
10 An old order on the way liable to prove costly (5,3,7).
11 Mail for delivery to branch office? (7).
12 Passage in river sheltered by bar (7).
13 Popular viewpoint for example (8).
15 Merlin's basic equipment (5).
18 Veins — lots of them it is said (5).
20 Hardened salts die alongside tub (4,4).
23 Travel in order to get married in attractive surroundings (7).
25 Foodstuff to give the troops in conflict? (7).
26 Serious shortcomings arising from evil ends repeatedly, say (5,6,4).
27 Scrape resulting from investment of old money in a northern bank (6).
28 Soldiers take steps to secure new guns (8).

DOWN

1 Mulled wine I give away after start of binge (6).
2 Punished when caught, having been on the run, perhaps (9).
3 Skin extracted from den (4-3).
4 Musical composition for daring *trapeze artiste?* (5).
6 Criminal laid up here in French square (7).
7 Unrecorded introduction to recital by organ (5).
8 Overcoming hurt after upsetting dispute (8).
9 Ardent, he may be following a cause (8).
14 Palmerston and Disraeli were such fine fellows (8).
16 Works custodian relaxing in rail bar (9).
17 Extensive water shortage in sailing base (5,3).
19 Shocked at promotion of studies without teachers (7).
21 Continue to make a fuss (5-2).
22 Some troubles, seemingly, for holder of property (6).
24 He progresses with resolution (5).
25 Having more latitude for an extra run (5).

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Fighting for cash

There were beggars, buskers and down-at-heel bums around the Royal Festival Hall in central London yesterday, but they live there. The Lloyd's names, individual investors in the London insurance market whose financial losses have been the subject of much publicity and concern, were only visiting — this time..... **Page 1**

Heseltine recovering

Italian doctors said that Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, who is recovering from a heart attack, may be able to return to Britain today..... **Page 1**

Rosyth's last bid

Rosyth Royal Dockyard has halved its bid in a late effort to secure the Trident nuclear submarine refitting contract. The Scottish dockyard, which is fighting Devonport in Plymouth for the multi-billion pound contract, has cut its bid by £70 million..... **Page 2**

Hustler jailed

A pool-hall hustler was jailed for five years after winning £10,000 from a millionaire's son in an afternoon's play. When his victim would not pay, Gary Smolinsky tried to blackmail the man's parents..... **Page 3**

Nureyev's art

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War at the pumps

A petrol price war could cost more than 22,000 jobs in three years as hundreds of garages go out of business..... **Page 5**

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A High Court judge cleared the way for hundreds of customers to take action against banks and building societies over the fraudulent use of bank cards in "hole-in-the-wall" machines..... **Page 7**

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History may well record that the war in Bosnia effectively ended today. The Serbs and Croats have fought themselves to a virtual standstill and the Muslims are left with small crumbs of comfort from the international community..... **Page 14**

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Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, returned from the EC summit and ran straight into a quarrel involving his two senior ministers over new police powers to check the identity of foreigners..... **Page 14**

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Australia $	2.28	2.08
Austria Sch	18.70	17.20
Belgium Fr	54.70	50.30
Canada $	2.02	1.86
Denmark Kr	10.22	9.42
Finland Mkk	9.00	8.20
France Fr	8.93	8.23
Germany Dm	2.65	2.45
Greece Dr	251.00	332.00
Hong Kong $	12.14	11.14
Ireland Pr	1.078	0.998
Italy Lira	2358.00	2210.00
Japan Yen	182.50	163.90
Netherlands Gld	2.98	2.75
Norway Kr	11.18	10.38
Portugal Esc	249.00	231.00
South Africa Rd	6.00	5.20
Spain Pta	197.00	184.00
Sweden Kr	11.83	11.03
Switzerland Fr	2.37	2.19
Turkey Lira	16500.0	15500.0
USA $	1.535	1.455

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

It will be chilly in the North and East, where there will be a lot of cloud and some showers. The wind will be light, and it should feel warm during the middle of the day in sheltered southern coastal regions. These areas, together with some western coasts, will have the best of the sunshine. Outlook: no change.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Madrid	21	70	f
Alicante	34	93	s	Majorca	27	81	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malaga	26	79	c
Algiers	29	84	s	Malta	27	81	s
Amst'dm	19	66	f	Melb'rne	14	57	f
Athens	27	81	s	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Miami*	32	90	f
Bangkok	35	95	f	Milan	25	77	f
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	22	72	c
Barcelna	26	77	s	Moscow	17	63	c
Beirut	29	84	s	Munich	22	72	f
Belgrade	32	90	s	Nairobi	22	72	f
Berlin	19	66	f	Naples	26	79	d
Bermuda*	27	81	f	N Delhi	35	97	s
Biarritz	19	66	f	N York*	28	82	c
Borde'x	20	68	t	Nice	22	72	r
Brussels	19	66	f	Oslo	16	61	s
Budapst	27	81	f	Paris	21	70	f
B Aires*	17	63	s	Peking	25	77	t
Cairo	35	95	s	Perth	17	63	c
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Prague	21	70	f
Chicago*	23	73	f	Reykjavik	10	50	t
Ch'church	15	59	s	Rhodes	27	81	s
Cologne	22	72	s	Rio de J	29	82	s
C'phagn	17	63	s	Riyadh	38	100	s
Corfu	27	81	s	Rome	26	79	f
Dublin	15	59	c	Salzburg	23	73	f
Dubrownik	27	81	s	S F'rancO*	17	63	f
Faro	22	72	s	Santiago*	14	57	s
Florence	30	86	s	Seoul	28	82	f
Frankfurt	23	73	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	21	70	f	St'kholm	13	55	c
Geneva	20	68	c	Straslb'g	17	63	r
Gibraltar	22	72	f	Sydney	17	63	s
Helsinki	13	55	f	Tangier	23	73	c
Hong K	31	88	s	Tel Aviv	40	104	s
Innsbruck	26	79	f	Tenerife	28	79	s
Istanbul	28	79	s	Tokyo	28	79	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	21	70	f
Jo'burg*	18	64	s	Tunis	30	86	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Valencia	29	84	s
Le Touet	17	63	c	Vanc'ver*	15	59	c
Lisbon	23	73	c	Venice	26	79	f
Locarno	19	66	c	Vienna	22	72	f
L Angels*	23	73	c	Warsaw	20	68	s
Luxembg	20	68	f	Wash'ton*	29	84	c
Luxor	40	104	s	Wel'ton	15	59	s
				Zurich	21	70	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6pm, 50 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,015.7 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Monday: Highest day temp: Worthing, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Wick, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, 0.40in; highest sunshine: Teignmouth, 15.1hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.2hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.0	0.05	15	59	rain
Belfast	0.3	-	16	61	cloudy
Birmingham	6.5	-	16	59	cloudy
Bognor Regis	13.1	-	20	68	sunny
Bournemouth	14.5	-	20	68	sunny
Bristol	10.6	-	18	64	sunny
Cardiff	10.2	-	17	63	sunny
Clacton	8.9	-	18	64	sunny
Eastbourne	13.4	-	21	70	sunny
Edinburgh	2.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Exmouth	11.6	-	19	66	sunny
Falmouth	13.2	-	19	66	sunny
Folkestone	14.1	-	21	70	sunny
Glasgow	1.8	-	15	59	cloudy
Guernsey	14.1	-	18	64	sunny
Hastings	11.9	-	19	66	sunny
Isle of Man	3.5	-	16	61	cloudy
Jersey	15.0	-	20	68	sunny
Kinloss	0.2	0.03	13	55	rain
Leeds	8.1	-	18	64	bright
Lerwick	4.9	-	10	50	cloudy
Littlehampton	13.3	-	20	68	sunny
Liverpool	4.5	-	15	59	bright
London	14.0	-	18	64	sunny
Lowestoft	7.7	-	17	63	bright
Manchester	4.1	-	16	61	bright
Margate	13.6	-	17	63	sunny
Minehead	x	-	18	64	sunny
Newcastle	6.5	-	16	61	sunny
Newquay	15.0	-	19	66	sunny
Penzance	11.6	-	19	66	sunny
Plymouth	13.9	-	19	66	sunny
Poole	11.8	-	20	68	sunny
Salcombe	12.0	-	19	66	sunny
Sandown	13.3	-	20	68	sunny
Shanklin	12.8	-	19	66	sunny
Southend	11.3	-	20	68	sunny
Southsea	13.5	-	20	68	sunny
Stornoway	-	0.51	13	55	rain
Swanage	10.8	-	20	68	sunny
Teignmouth	15.1	-	19	64	sunny
Tenby	13.9	-	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	14.8	-	20	68	sunny
Wick	-	0.19	9	48	rain
Worthing	12.9	-	21	70	sunny

London 9.52 pm to 4.14 am
Bristol 10.01 pm to 4.24 am
Edinburgh 10.33 pm to 3.57 am
Manchester 10.12 pm to 4.10 am
Penzance 10.06 pm to 4.43 am

Sun rises: 4.44 am
Sun sets: 9.22 pm
Moon rises: 9.53 am
Moon sets: 11.11 pm
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Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	c	Guernsey	17	63	s
B'mgham	16	61	c	Inverness	11	52	c
Blackpool	15	59	s	Jersey	18	64	c
Bristol	17	63	f	London	17	63	f
Cardiff	17	63	c	M'chester	16	61	f
Edinburgh	14	57	c	Newcastle	14	57	c
Glasgow	15	59	c	R'maway	15	59	s

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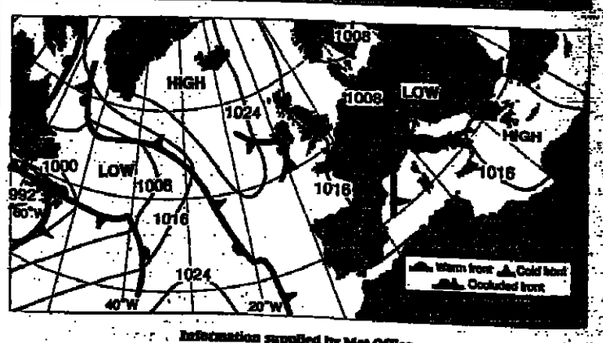
London Bridge	4.48	7.3	5.04	7.1	Liverpool	1.57	9.4	2.24	9.2
Aberdeen	4.04	4.2	4.35	4.1	Lowestoft	12.20	2.3	12.20	2.5
Avonmouth	10.22	12.8	10.38	13.0	Margate	2.55	4.8	3.11	4.8
Belfast	1.45	3.5	2.13	3.1	Milford Haven	8.18	6.7	8.36	6.8
Cardiff	10.07	11.9	10.23	12.0	Newquay	8.06	6.7	8.28	6.9
Devonport	8.56	5.1	9.08	5.4	Oban	8.44	3.8	8.55	3.8
Dover	1.42	6.4	2.14	6.5	Penzance	7.59	5.2	8.12	5.5
Falmouth	8.28	4.9	8.38	5.2	Portland	9.58	1.9	10.19	2.0
Glasgow	3.38	4.9	4.24	4.5	Portsmouth	1.59	4.6	2.32	4.7
Harwich	2.42	3.9	2.58	3.9	Shoreham	1.54	5.1	2.29	5.1
Holyhead	1.00	5.6	1.28	5.3	Southampton	1.32	4.4	2.07	4.4
Hull	9.12	7.3	9.46	7.2	Swansea	8.22	8.2	8.40	8.4
Ilfracombe	9.04	8.9	9.20	9.1	Tees	6.34	5.3	7.10	5.2
King's Lynn	9.22	6.6	10.02	6.3	W'ton-on-Nze	2.34	4.2	2.48	4.1
Leith	5.30	5.3	6.09	5.3					



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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.4832 (-0.0071)
German mark .... 2.5111 (-0.0018)
Exchange index ..... 79.7 (-0.1)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2907.6 (+4.2)
Dow Jones ... 3498.64 (-12.18)*
Nikkei Avg 19538.30 (+325.87)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank 5⅞-5⅝%
US Federal Funds 2¾%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.10-3.09%*
Long Bond 6.77%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4783*	£:$	1.4785
$:DM	1.6970*	£:DM	2.5113
$:SWfr	1.5130*	£:SWfr	2.2351
$:Ffr	5.7068*	£:Ffr	8.4240
$:Yen	111.35*	£:Yen	164.64
£:SDR	1.0686	£:ECU	1.2819

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 369.10 ..... PM 368.80
Close 368.05-368.55
New York
Comex 367.15-367.65*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.1 May (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

CHRIS HARRIS

In the firing line: David Rowland, left, and Peter Middleton faced more than 1,800 names at yesterday's annual meeting in London

Names shaken by £2.9bn Lloyd's loss

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

■ Lloyd's of London names heard that 1990 losses had soared to a record £2.9 billion, and that plans for charity status for the names' support fund had been rejected

LLOYD'S of London names were left reeling yesterday as the insurance market exceeded their worst fears and unveiled record losses of £2.915 billion for the 1990 year of account.

More than 1,800 names packed the Royal Festival Hall complex in London to hear David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, announce the massive loss, which equates to an average loss of £100,000 for each of the market's investors.

The deficit, which under Lloyd's three-year accounting relates to the 1990 underwriting year, follows losses of £2.1 billion and £510 million in the previous two years — a performance that Mr Rowland said during his opening address at the annual meeting "represents in every way the low point of Lloyd's history in the last 305 years. .... (It) is unacceptable and must never be repeated".

Mr Rowland delivered another blow to the market's worst-hit names with the announcement that the Charity Commissioners had turned down the market's application for charity status for its Support Fund, which aims to provide financial help over and above that given by the Hardship Committee. The gaining of charity status was vital in getting Lloyd's agents to contribute to the fund and for obtaining tax recoveries.

Mr Rowland said: "We understand that their principal reservation is that the rules may not constitute a trust in the legal sense for the relief of poverty." Peter Middleton, chief executive, added that, as a result, Lloyd's had to go back to "the drawing board" to see how the commissioners requirements could be met.

The 1990 underwriting year loss is more evenly spread than in 1989, when nearly 40 per cent of the £2.1 billion loss fell on five syndicates writing the notorious excess of loss (LMX) business. In an attempt to alleviate the pressure of yet another year of losses, Mr Rowland announced an initiative to speed up the payment of stop-loss claims. Lloyd's has reached agreement that in future names will receive 90 per cent of the payment early.

Mr Rowland pointed out that the 1990 loss was inflated by £600 million of "double counting". This results from different Lloyd's syndicates reserving for the same liability arising from stop-loss policies, estate protection plans and errors and omissions cover.

Another major component of the £2.9 billion loss was the £1.13 billion of extra reserving needed for earlier liabilities. About half of this, which is far greater than last year's £396 million, is related to ten syndicates involved in the LMX business and mainly relates to the 1989 year of account.

Stripping out these effects reveals a pure year loss of £1.3 billion, a 5 per cent improvement on the 1989 result. Of the 388 syndicates actively underwriting in 1990, 115 made a profit of £171 million after personal expenses and 157 have left their 1990 year open. Overall names' personal expenses rose 56.5 per cent to £456.8 million, reflecting higher annual subscriptions and levies.

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Gas pressure rises at DTI as Heseltine convalesces

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FOR industry, Michael Heseltine's illness could hardly have come at a worse moment. The future of two of Britain's biggest businesses hangs on overdue decisions by the trade and industry department with far-reaching implications for suppliers and for competition policy at large. Will ministers have the confidence to take them while their boss is away?

First, what is to become of British Gas? A report by the monopolies commission into the future structure of the British gas industry is now understood to have been completed and it will be sent to the DTI within weeks.

The second problem area is the Post Office, where executives are increasingly frustrated by government vacillation over privatisation. At stake are 190,000 jobs and hundreds of millions of pounds of investment by rivals in the express delivery business.

Third, Mr Heseltine's sickness also means the loss of a powerful voice in cabinet against the retention of Rosyth Royal Dockyard, in Fife, as a centre for refitting the Navy's Trident nuclear submarines.

A DTI review of the future of the Post Office, launched by Peter Lilley, Mr Heseltine's predecessor, appears to be "continuing" indefinitely. Uncertainty over the government's future direction has already been increased by the sacking of Edward Leigh, the hawkish DTI minister responsible for the Post Office.

Government indecision is now harming both these businesses. Gas industry suppliers are struggling with an order shortfall. Post Office bosses are frustrated because they do not know the future shape or ownership of their business.

There is no shortage of ministers at the DTI to share the load. Despite a relatively modest budget, it has seven — more than any other department. The most senior, and the man standing in for Mr Heseltine, is Tim Sainsbury, who is accustomed to working as the president's leg-man. From 1979 to 1983, he was PPS to Mr Heseltine at environment and defence.

In the debate over the future of British Gas and the Post Office, Mr Sainsbury might be expected to share the belief of his boss that the ability of the businesses to compete on an international stage must be given due weight.

But he may face conflict with some of his juniors. Tim Eggar, the energy minister, has taken a tough line against British Gas by bringing down the threshold at which rivals are allowed to compete for business customers. He has a background in the North Sea oil and gas industry, which has lobbied to remove the British Gas supply monopoly.

Under Mr Heseltine's guidance, the DTI has already acquired a more purposeful, confident mood. But with the boss away, a desire to avoid political banana skins may take precedence over pressure to resolve the issues.

Heseltine in hospital, page 1

Eggar: tough line

Discord fills the Festival Hall

BY OUR INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

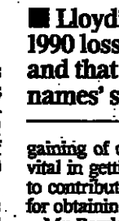
THE Festival Hall on London's South Bank normally echoes to the strains of classical music. But a more discordant tune was played out yesterday when more than 1,800 Lloyd's names gathered for the insurance market's annual meeting.

David Rowland, chairman, announced appalling losses for the 1990 underwriting year of £2.915 billion but his half-hour address, in which he forcefully reiterated plans to return the market to profit, was greeted with thunderous applause. Mr Rowland took the stream of questions, many hostile, in his stride.

One name, labelled Lloyd's "a public menance" and accused it of being riddled with swindles, while John Rew, another name, said: "Lloyd's has managed to turn disaster into an artform.".

Others were equally damning. Lionel Jacobs name, said: "The criminal culture at Bank of Credit and Commerce International was the same culture that thrived at Lloyd's." But, he said Lloyd's has not followed the example set by the Bank of England, which has taken responsibility for its lack of regulation. Daniel Salbstein, another name, asked whether Mr Rowland or his colleagues were aware of backhanders in the market, a claim that was greeted with a cry of "disgrace" from the floor. And Jon Podmore asked: "What are you going to do about the people who have taken their lives and those in a state of ultimate and appalling destruction of quality of life."

Double-think at the Stock Exchange



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Over the past few years, two obscure parallel callings have grown up almost unnoticed: short-term investment analysis by securities firms and investor relations by companies. Their cosy world has suddenly been upset, causing much double-think about how companies tell investors how they are getting on between half-yearly reports.

Years ago, the main function of brokers' analysts was to look for long-term business trends and spot companies whose stock market prices were based on ignorance about new products or business changes. Now their bread and butter job is to forecast companies' next set of profit figures as accurately as possible. That function, though always in demand, has grown with the dominance of institutional investors, whose strategy is often to allocate funds on the basis of minute comparisons of relative short-term returns in different types of asset. In this pseudo-scientific world, big companies' shares are treated as virtually homogeneous, on the heroic assumption that markets have perfect knowledge and share prices take account of all known facts.

This is manifestly nonsense, since business conditions are always changing and deals being done. If analysts' forecasts are accurate, however, fund managers can at least delude themselves in the short run. The worst thing that can happen is therefore a shock. So powerful is this aversion to the unexpected that companies producing profit or dividend surprises attract black marks even if the surprises are nice. No wonder companies have invested in investor relations, part of whose job is to ensure analysts are subtly, or not so subtly, guided to the correct numbers — to the extent that directors know what is going on.

This game of nods and winks, briefings and brokers lunches is just as highly valued by market-makers, since it reduces the risk on shares they hold as stock in trade, and can even help private investors, who do not find out about shock announcements on the Stock Exchange until long after share prices have moved against them. But it is strictly unfair, against London Stock Exchange rules and, it turns out, possibly illegal. One broker who advised his clients to sell on the basis of a talk with the company chairman was convicted of insider trading. Almost simultaneously, the exchange censored LIG (though not many more establishment companies) for briefing 17 City folk privately on an unexpected problem.

The message was: if it is price sensitive, announce it officially through the exchange. As *The Times* revealed, this caused consternation among analysts and investor relations folk, who desperately hope it will all be forgotten. If the exchange had its way, market professionals might all be put on an equal footing but private investors would be left out in the cold. In any case, how is a company to get across the idea that its profits will be somewhat less than predicted, even though nothing disastrous has happened — without causing a sharp fall in its shares at the expense of almost everyone except market professionals?

The simple answer would be more frequent routine updates. If, for instance, a company issued quarterly reports, giving its best and latest estimate of likely profits for the year, there need be no mystery and few shocks. In practice, many companies have axed quarterly reports as a costly waste of time. One company, however, fits the bill: NFC, the freight group born in an unusual employee buyout from the state.

Sadly, NFC is thinking of dropping the practice. It gives its "best view" thanks to a special dispension from the exchange, which does not like forecasts, to NFC's traditions of employee communication. Since communications are becoming so sensitive in the City, NFC is afraid that it will be seen as a maverick. It is even more afraid that, as it expands in America and acquires more shareholders there, they might sue if its profit projections proved wrong.

Lawyers, law-makers and regulators, acting stoutly in "the public interest" are, as so often, acting entirely contrary to the interest of the investing public. The rulemakers must rethink. The way NFC thinks of its employee shareholders is the way all big companies should think of all their shareholders.

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Exports take the lead as first-quarter growth reaches 0.4%

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN appeared to achieve the best possible mix of economic growth in the early months of this year, with exports dominating the revival in activity and consumer demand, which led to excessive inflation in the 1980s, still rather subdued.

Figures from the Central Statistical Office provided the first comprehensive look at the economy in the first quarter of this year. The economy grew 0.4 per cent compared with the last quarter of 1992, about 0.3 per cent coming from an improved net export performance. The CSO previously estimated first quarter growth of 0.3 per cent.

Compared with a year ago, the economy grew 0.9 per cent in the first quarter — again, an upward revision from 0.7 per cent previously estimated. More than half of this increase came from net exports.

The CSO also published yesterday the first full figures for the current account for the first quarter, revealing a deficit of £4.1 billion, up from £3.9 billion in the final quarter of last year and the highest quarterly shortfall since the second quarter of 1990, when it reached £5.5 billion. The deficit on visible trade was £4.5 billion, compared with £4.4 billion in the last quarter of 1992. Invisible earnings were published for the first time and showed a recovery in Britain's surplus on services to £1.2 billion from £600 million in the final quarter of last year, largely due to insurance earnings.

Although there appeared to be some slowing of export volumes to non-EC countries in May (according to data published earlier this week), the underlying trend of Britain's trade performance seems to be improving.

Michael Saunders, chief UK economist at Salomon Brothers, said: "The biggest surprise for me is that growth is so dominated by exports. It would normally be too soon for the drop in the pound to have this kind of impact but, anyway, rising economic growth dominated by exports is exactly what Britain needs."

Economists have been arguing strongly in recent months that the most sustainable type of recovery for Britain would be export and manufacturing, rather than consumer, led. Strongly rising consumer demand would suck in imports and would lead to a further deterioration in Britain's already very weak balance of payments position. Recent figures suggest that the consumer is still being held back by falling personal incomes. Yesterday's figures showed that real personal disposable income fell in each of the last two quarters and real income is likely to remain soft with wage settlements battened down and fiscal tightening by the government on the way next year.

Another positive note to emerge from yesterday's batch of figures was the improving financial position of companies. Their deficit fell from £2.1 billion in the last three months of 1992 to only £147 million in the first quarter, by far the lowest since Britain's corporate sector started racking up huge shortfalls in 1987 as they borrowed heavily. In the first quarter, companies had a net borrowing requirement of only £591 million, the smallest since the second quarter of 1984.

One sour note remained the construction sector, in which activity fell again during the first quarter, continuing the downward trend. Construction business has now fallen in every quarter since the beginning of 1990 and shows little sign of turning round. In the first three months of this year, it was 4.6 per cent lower than twelve months ago.

Whitecroft cuts value of property

BY CARL MORTISHED

WHITECROFT, the mini-conglomerate, has taken a knife to its commercial property portfolio, writing down its value by £11.4 million to £15.4 million. The company has also suffered a loss of £29 million on the sale of its home improvement business, which includes a goodwill write-off of £24 million to comply with accounting standard FRS3.

The write-offs have sent Whitecroft to a deficit for the year to March 31 of £41.8 million, compared with last year's loss of £3.6 million, but Michael Derbyshire, new chief executive, said that the group's remaining manufacturing businesses made a pre-interest profit of £1.3 million in the first quarter of 1993.

The core businesses of lighting, building products, textiles and cotton fibre produced operating profits of £2.6 million but Mr Derbyshire says that the results include restructuring and redundancy costs.

Whitecroft's net cash inflow last year was £8.7 million and the group invested £5.7 million in building products and textiles.

After write-downs and losses gearing is 153 per cent. Whitecroft is asking shareholders to approve an increase in borrowing powers from 1.5 to two times shareholders' funds. There is no dividend.

Mercury lifts C&W to £824m

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

MERCURY, the telephone network set up by Cable and Wireless, the telecommunications group, to act as a thorn in the side of British Telecom, claims it has more than 10 per cent of the British market and more than half a million residential customers.

Profits at Mercury rose by 24 per cent at the operating level to £192 million in the year to end March on sales up 31 per cent to £1.2 billion, contributing to a 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profit before exceptional items of £824 million at Cable and Wireless.

Lord Young, C&W chairman, revealed yesterday that Mercury had 477,000 residential customers at the year end and had since added 60,000 in April and May. The company claims market share has grown two percentage points in the past year to 10.5 per cent. Mercury says it is necessary to make a push for residential customers to make better use of its network. The number of business lines rose by 19 per cent to 190,000.

Mercury says it is holding to its aim of reaching two million customers by the mid-nineties. It is due to launch One-2-One, a low-cost mobile phone, in late summer.

Cable and Wireless shares rose 23p to 777p yesterday and because of the lumpy price C&W is to recommend a one for one share split to shareholders. The total dividend for the year rises 12 per cent to 14.85p out of earnings up from 30.1p to 47.5p.

Debts have fallen from 25.9 per cent to 13.2 per cent of shareholders funds but the directors say gearing will rise as C&W expands further. Lord Young was keen to play down speculation of a takeover bid from the likes of the American group, ATT. He believes the future of the industry lies in further alliances and pointed out that a perpetual golden share in C&W, held by the government, limits shareholdings to 15 per cent.

Asia and Pacific profits rose from £487 million to £563 million and in Europe they rose from £121 million to £168 million. In the western hemisphere profits fell from £101 million to £80 million.

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Winning line: Sir Colin Chandler says Vickers' deal to sell Oman the Challenger 2 confirms belief in the tank

Vickers in tank deal with Oman

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

VICKERS, Britain's biggest maker of tanks, has completed a £140 million first-stage contract to sell Oman 18 Challenger 2 tanks and six training and recovery vehicles.

The contract is part of a £300 million deal announced by John Major during a visit to Oman in January. Although relatively small, the order is important as the first overseas sale of Challenger 2, and it improves the tank's chances in a contest to supply 235 tanks to Saudi Arabia, expected next summer.

The contract will help to secure Vickers' tank-building plants, in Newcastle and Leeds. It will also provide work for Alvis, which is to supply four Stormer combat vehicles, and Unipower, supplying nine tank transporters.

Sir Colin Chandler, chief executive of Vickers, said that the deal "confirms the competitive qualities of Challenger 2 and our belief that it is the best and most advanced main battle tank in the world".

The deal comes after several setbacks for Vickers in the export field. Political pressure ahead of the US election is said to have contributed to a Kuwaiti decision to buy the American Abrams tank. The United Arab Emirates chose the French Leclerc after being offered attractive offset terms.

Most miners 'have found other jobs'

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Coal is placing most miners being made redundant through its pit closures into other jobs, BC's job-creation arm said yesterday.

The scale of job placement has not lessened since the coal closure announcements last October, British Coal Enterprise said. Indeed, as vacancies grow, the pace of placement has quickened, with BCE last week recording its most successful job-finding week for 18 months.

The disclosure that most of BC's redundant former employees are moving back into work even in the recession strikes a blow against the emotional force of the arguments against pit closures and their employment effects.

The evidence from BCE also supports the government's contention that the recent falls in unemployment are not a fluke but a genuine reflection of improvement in both the labour market and the economy more generally.

BCE, which is fully funded by British Coal, acknowledged that the recession was making job placement more difficult, and that results achieved within six months were now taking up to a year.

Kevan Hunt, BC's employee relations director and now also BCE's new chairman, accepted that closing mines was emotive and "you would expect people to be noisy" — but said BCE had successfully found permanent long-term jobs for the majority of miners. BCE figures released yesterday show that 80 per cent of redundant BC employees are back in work within 10 months — a third of them in jobs as highly paid or even higher than their work in the coal industry. During the last 12 months, BCE said it had helped create 11,136 new jobs — 50 per cent up on the previous year — bringing the total number of jobs created since BCE was set up in 1984 to 87,500. Over the same period, the industry has lost about 130,000 jobs.

BCE last week placed 279 former coal employees into jobs, the week before 255 and the week before that 204.

Average job placement costs are about £2,000 a head.

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Vaz seeks state support for Asian banks in UK

THE Bank of England must support initiatives that would lead to a reconstruction of Asian banking, Keith Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East, said. The Bank is believed to be behind plans to help reconstruct the Asian banking industry in Britain, which has all but vanished after the collapse of three of the four Gujerati banks serving the UK's Asian business community (Patricia Tehan writes).

Mr Vaz said that although finance is available from the main high street clearing banks, many Asians prefer to deal with small Asian banks. He said he hopes that the Bank will recognise that there is a sector of the market that is not catered for by the banks after the collapse of BCCI in 1991, Mount Banking Corporation last October, Equatorial Bank in March, and Roxburghe in April. A rescue of the Gujerati banks in some form, either a merger of two of them or a relaunch of parts of all three, is believed possible.

Offer to creditors

SIR Edward du Cann, former chairman of Lonrho and a past Conservative party chairman, was making a last-ditch attempt to fight off bankruptcy in London yesterday. Sir Edward, who had a bankruptcy order made against him in March, on petition from his former solicitor, is understood to have offered creditors 41p in the pound if they agree to a voluntary arrangement. If he is declared bankrupt, the payout could slip to 15p.

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Treble for Kalamazoo

KALAMAZOO, the computer services and printing systems group, has held the total dividend at 2.1p after announcing a threefold leap in taxable profits to £1.8 million for the year to end-March. The group, which last year changed its year-end, made profits of £611,000 in the eight months to March 1992. The results are struck after an exceptional charge of £1.5 million, principally redundancy costs. Earnings this time were 1.6p (nil) a share.

NSM trims losses

NSM, the coal mining group with operations in Britain and America, incurred a £1.95 million pre-tax loss (£5.72 million loss) on sales of £114.1 million (£147.3 million) for the year ended March. The company has raised £12 million from disposals of non-core interests and says further sales that could raise up to £20 million are planned before the end of next year. The group has contracted to cap the cost of £30 million of its UK borrowings until March, 1995.

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Water watchdog fires first shots in battle on bills

BY CARL MORTISHED

■ Water bills will be about 2 per cent lower than expected because the recession in the construction industry has reduced capital investment costs, said Ofwat

THE first salvoes in the battle over water bills were fired yesterday by Ian Byatt, director-general of Ofwat, the water industry regulator, who gave a warning that the public would not accept continuing increases in water charges.

Presenting Ofwat's 1992 annual report yesterday, he said that 62 per cent of all complaints received by the regulator concerned rising prices. "I think it is time that the escalator stopped," he said.

"I believe that customers want prices to rise no faster than the rate of inflation and would be unhappy with increases which exceed the likely growth of average household income — which would be in the region of 2 per cent. I see little reason for prices to rise to maintain current standards."

Mr Byatt said that he would be making his determination on "K" factors, the amount by which water bills can rise above the level of retail price inflation, in July next year. At present, the average K factor is about 4 per cent, but the water companies' market plans for the period 1995-2000 envisage an average "K" factor of six.

The regulator said that he would be presenting the the environment secretary with evidence of the consequences to customers' bills of increasingly onerous environmental obligations. EC directives on water quality have required water companies to increase capital expenditure, which has been passed on to consumers.

Mr Byatt said that Ofwat had no role in the regulation of water quality, which was in the hands of the environment secretary, but he believed that the obligation to provide better quality water had become disconnected with the bills side of the equation.

He said that standards had also to be examined in terms of their costs. "The pesticides standard is equivalent to an aspirin tablet in an Olympic-size swimming pool," he claimed. Water bills will be about 2 per cent lower than expected because of the impact of the recession on the construction industry, which cut the cost of capital expenditure for the water companies by about 15 per cent.

Last October, Mr Byatt took action to reduce price limits for 19 water companies, which will save customers some £200 million during the years up to 1995.

Mr Byatt said that he welcomed the water companies' efforts to consult customers on pricing, but expressed concern that market research might overlook the problems of low-income customers. Anglian said earlier this year that customer consultation had revealed a willingness to accept real increases in bills of more than 5 per cent to pay for higher water standards.

Complaints dealt with by Ofwat rose 39 per cent to 14,795 last year, the third successive year of increase. However, Ofwat's Customer Services Committee secured £75,828 in compensation and £1.1 million in rebates.

Water companies disconnected 18,635 households during 1992, a 12 per cent reduction on the previous year, but Mr Byatt said disconnections were higher than in the gas and electricity industries.

He said there was widespread resistance to adopting Ofwat's guidelines on disconnection. However, he was opposed to proposals that the law be changed to prevent companies from disconnecting households for non-payment.

He said: "Water bills must be paid. It is not right that other customers should pay higher bills to cover bad debt."

JOHN MANNING

Delivering a plea: Post Office chairman Michael Heron urging the government yesterday to make a decision before the end of the year on privatisation

Post Office wants ruling soon on its future

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government was urged yesterday to come to a decision over the privatisation of the Post Office as it announced a pre-tax profit of £283 million.

However, the government's review of the PO is unlikely to be made public in the near future. While the PO would not say publicly that the steam has gone out of plans to privatise it, senior managers acknowledge that Michael Heseltine's illness, the sacking of Edward Leigh, who as industry minister was pushing heavily for privatisation, the slenderness of the government's Commons majority and the political sensitivity of PO privatisation are all combining to delay the process.

Michael Heron, the PO's chairman, accepted he had said that if the government had not announced the conclusions of its review by this month it would be an "embarrassment" to the PO.

He said the delay would leave it unable to compete properly with other postal services, and would allow foreign competitors to make inroads into UK markets that the PO could otherwise have entered. He urged the government to announce the conclusion of the review "towards the end of the year", but added that the President of the Board of Trade's illness would delay proceedings. Officials in Mr Heseltine's department confirmed there would be no announcement on the review until he returns to work.

Mr Leigh has already publicly disclosed in *The Times* that the review favours privatisation, and claimed that Mr Heron and the PO board does so too. Clearly irritated by Mr Leigh's disclosures, Mr Heron said the PO's advice to the government on privatisation had been confidential.

The PO raised its pre-tax profit from £247 million to £283 million — its 17th successive year of subsidy-free profit.

Hazlewood spends for growth

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

HAZLEWOOD Foods increased spending from £27.9 million to £49.2 million to develop the business and spent a further £14.3 million on acquisitions in the year ended March. The outlay was designed to take advantage of growth opportunities in Europe, Peter Barr, the chairman, said yesterday.

The cost of expansion, which was partly funded by the private raising of $80 million in America that removed most of its short-term debt, saw Hazlewood's net debt rise from £110 million to £157 million, of which £19 million was due to exchange movements. Interest cover remains at 5.6 times.

Pre-tax profits in the year ended March were £55 million (£51.3 million) on a turnover of £761.8 million (£632.4 million) in difficult trading. The annual dividend rises from 6.1p to 6.4p a share.

Since year-end, Hazlewood sold a chocolate decorations business for £14.2 million.

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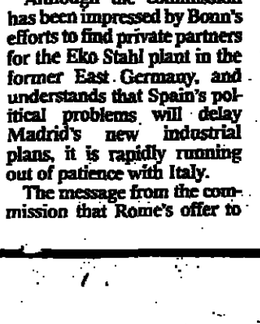

Barr: eye for Europe

ACT taps into top three in world

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

ACT Group, the former Apricot computer concern, has propelled itself into the top three financial software businesses in the world with the £93.5 million acquisition of BIS Group from NYNEX, the American telecommunications group.

BIS, based in Britain but American-owned since 1987, is best-known for its Midas range of software, which supplies banks with functions such as capital markets, trade finance and treasury management.

Roger Foster, chairman of ACT, said: "Whereas a lot of British software companies, especially large ones, have been bought by American or French interests, this is a software company coming back into the UK."

ACT is funding the deal in part with a £50.9 million 4-for-13 rights issue at 123p. The shares slipped 2p to 153p, on the news.

About £25 million is deferred consideration, payable six and 12 months after completion of the deal. The balance will come out of existing cash resources.

ACT, which in 1990 sold the Apricot hardware business, believes that once BIS is bought, there will be further disposals from both the core business and the acquisition to more than cover the deferred consideration needed.

BIS slipped to a £13 million pre-tax loss in 1991, after the recession prompted a restructuring that cost £10.8 million, taken as an exceptional item. But by last year the company was back in the black, reporting a £7.6 million profit.

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Carpetright investors to have shares scaled down

THE public offer for shares in Carpetright was 2.5 times oversubscribed. As a result, many investors will have their applications scaled back.

About 14,230 people applied for a total of 35.8 million shares at 148p per share. Just 13.7 million shares were available. Those who asked for between 250 and 3,000 shares will get their full allocation.

Carpetright was founded in 1988, after Sir Phillip Harris sold his £70 million stake in Harris Queensway. The flotation values the company at £113.6 million, though the offer to both public and institutions accounts for only £57.95 million. The placing of 25.5 million shares with institutions was also oversubscribed, with investors reported to have received about a quarter of the shares they sought.

Only 3,000 share were allocated to those applying for between 4,000 and 5,000; 3,500 to those applying for between 6,000 and 7,000; 4,000 to those applying for between 8,000 and 80,000. Those seeking between 90,000 and 990,000 will get 5 per cent. Applications for more than 1 million shares will get 2.5 per cent.

UK producer suffers as revamp is blocked

EC admits delay on steel

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE EC Commission has admitted that its restructuring plan for Europe's steel industry is unlikely to be ready before the end of the year.

Martin Bangemann, the industry commissioner, had hoped that the plan, involving mill closures costing £3.1 billion and EC aid of £700 million, could start to take effect in September. However, the commission refuses to act before the profligate state spenders in the EC — Italy, Spain and Germany — agree to mend their ways.

Although the commission has been impressed by Bonn's efforts to find private partners for the Eko Stahl plant in the former East Germany, and understands that Spain's political problems will delay Madrid's new industrial plans, it is rapidly running out of patience with Italy.

The message from the commission that Rome's offer to help Ilva, the state monolith, to write off debts of $5 billion is unacceptable does not seem to have got home. "The Italians are just playing games," a source said.

To try to assist the Italians, the commission appointed a British consultancy, W. S. Atkin, to look at ways of making Ilva profitable. However, until last week, the main Ilva plant, at Tarantino, refused to let the consultants in. "It's a question of wearing the Italians down," the commission source said.

Delays in the plan make life worse for the EC's efficient steel producers, such as British Steel and Usinor Sacilor of France. The US is considering anti-dumping duties on EC steel exports valued at £700 million, and the European industry could not absorb the impact of these until the plan is running.

With Italy, Spain and Germany so far from agreeing to cut state aid, the chances of a special steel council next month achieving much are slim, and the commission has admitted that it may have to be shelved. "We've been talking about cancelling it for some time," one official said. "If the Belgian presidency doesn't see any progress — and I don't think they will — then they've said that it won't go ahead."

The commission is grappling with figures that do not add up; overcapacity in the hot rolled sector alone, judged at 20 million tons a year, compared to agreed cutbacks of only about half that amount. However, with continental Europe in a recession, and few governments enjoying stability, the consequences of making 50,000 steelworkers jobless over the next four years are, for many politicians, unpalatable.

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Rothmans to separate tobacco and luxury goods operations

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

ROTHMANS *International* and its 57 per cent owned luxury goods subsidiary Dunhill Holdings are to unbundle and will shuffle their interests in a move that will create two separate tobacco and luxury goods groups.

The proposals, announced yesterday in response to share price movements of Rothmans, whose B shares jumped 55p to 720p in pre-announcement trading, also involve a distribution of surplus cash to shareholders. Dunhill shares rose by 62p to 405p.

The unbundling talks were initiated by the majority shareholder, Richemont, the Swiss group that has a market capitalisation of about £3 billion and with which the Rembrandt group, of South Africa, is indirectly connected.

The aim of the unbundling is to establish two new quoted groups that will be separately devoted to tobacco and luxury goods. The new structures *should lead to improved investment* clarity in an otherwise complicated relationship. Cartier (currently owned by Richemont and Rothmans) will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Dunhill, where analysts have long believed it more readily belongs.

Shareholders in Rothmans, of which Lord Swaythling is chairman, and Dunhill, chaired by Lord Douro, will exchange current interests for direct shareholdings in the new tobacco and luxury goods groups, both of which will be in the form of twinned UK and non-UK holding companies.

Richemont will continue to *hold the majority* shareholding in both groups, the announcement said.

By twinning the non-UK and the UK interests within the respective groups, as does Unilever and Shell, there should be benefits to both groups when declaring dividends. The implications for future distributions from Rothmans, whose dividends had long been well covered, are positive.

The two companies will be listed on the London Stock Exchange.

Richemont says that there will be opportunities for "significant marketing benefits and increased efficiency" in creating a new luxury goods group including the branded names of Dunhill, Montblanc, Chloé and Cartier.

Rothmans and Dunhill have traditionally ended their financial periods with hefty cash holdings, and, over the years, each has insisted that it is still on looking out for suitable acquisitions.

Rothmans' results for the year ended March are due on Friday, when more details of the unbundling are expected.

Analysts suggest that a cash distribution to Rothmans shareholders could be about 80p a share. Both groups said yesterday that they would return to shareholders that element of cash resources "considered surplus to the requirements of the new groups".

The proposals do not affect the re-organisation of Rothmans' East Asian interests, currently in progress.

Care homes group plans flotation

Court Cavendish Group, the care homes company that was founded in 1988, is coming to the stock market with a placing and offer for sale of shares at 225p each. That gives the group a market capitalisation of £51 million.

A total 20.25 million shares, representing 90 per cent of the issued capital, is being placed and offered for sale, of which 2.56 million shares are being sold by existing shareholders, who will own 10 per cent of the company after flotation, with 17.7 million shares being offered by the company.

The placing price puts the shares on a price earnings multiple of 15.2 times based on Court Cavendish's pro forma net earnings for the year to end-April of £2.26 million.

Dealings are expected to start on July 13.

John Tams up

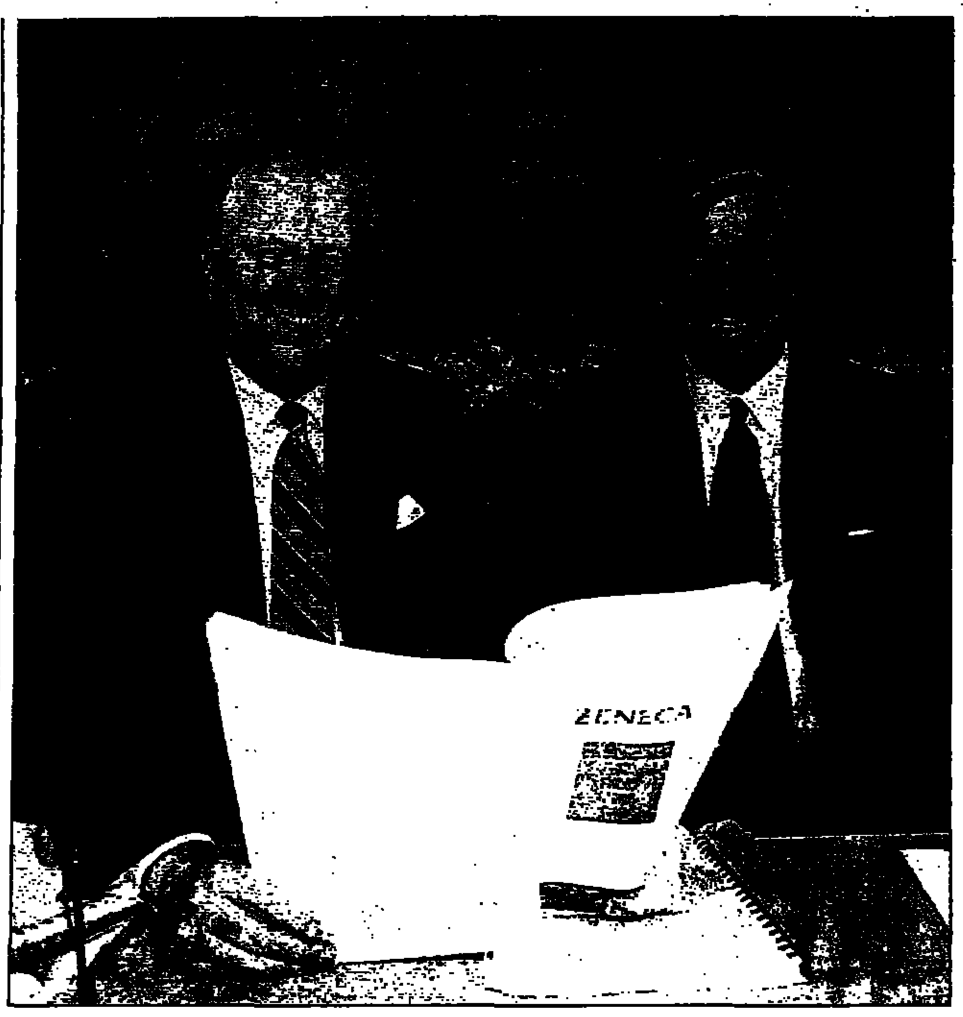
John Tams Group, the bone china to earthenware tableware group, increased pre-tax profits 4.5 per cent to £1.71 million (£1.64 million) in the year to end-April on turnover up 15.8 per cent at £22.94 million. Earnings rose from 4.92p to 4.94p a share, and the total dividend payout is unchanged at 4p via a 2.41p final.

Inmos jobs

Inmos, a subsidiary of SGS Thompson, the French-Italian group, is to create 150 jobs, most of them in Bristol, to work on the design and development of applications for the transputer, or computer on a chip.

Airport talks

National Express, the coach company that recently joined the stock market, is in talks that could lead to the purchase of East Midlands Airport at Castle Donington, Leicestershire.



Rights success: Sir Denys Henderson of ICI, left, and David Barnes, of Zeneca

Zeneca rights breaks record

BY OUR CITY STAFF

ZENECA, the demerged biosciences arm of ICI, yesterday revealed that 86.51 per cent of its shares had been taken up by shareholders in the £1.3 billion cash call, making the issue Britain's largest successful underwritten rights issue.

The next major drain on institutional coffers is likely to be the BT3 share offer, for which the draft prospectus is due next week and which is due to be priced next month.

The 1987 BP rights issue was bigger, but most of the shares were left with the underwriters after Black Monday intervened and BP shares fell sharply. The City had begun to have doubts about the chances of success of the Zeneca cash call after the shares fell to 609p at one point, just 9p above the issue price, but the price later steadied at about 615p-620p as the offer period progressed.

The share issue was designed to use highly rated pharmaceutical shares to pay off debts held by ICI's bulk chemical business as part of the demerger of the bioscience business. The demerger was revealed last July, before pharmaceutical shares began to fall on fears of increasing regulation of drug profits, but was not approved by the ICI board until late February, well after the pharmaceutical sector began to slide.

Shares not taken up by ICI shareholders were immediately placed by Zeneca's advisers at 612p a share, leaving proceeds of 10.776p a share for shareholders who did not pay to take up their rights. Once the so-called rump of the Zeneca shares was out of the way the share price began to climb. It closed at 626p, up 8p.

Slow US spenders injure K-Mart

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

PROFIT warnings from major US companies continued yesterday with K Mart, America's second-largest retailer, *announcing that its earnings this* year are likely to fall.

K Mart says its discount warehouse chain will incur a loss, and profits from the 4,400 low-margin retail stores will fall below last year's $168 million for the second quarter and will not match the annual $941 million made last year. The group blames slow consumer spending and the late arrival of summer across much of America.

Its warning follows a series of similar statements in the past two weeks from companies, which included Apple, the computer group, Nike and Reebok, the athletic shoe makers and a number of leading airline companies. Strong first-quarter profits growth has not been sustained during April, May and June and analysts say a sharp correction on Wall Street could result.

Apple's announcement came amid a personal computer price war and resignation from day to day management by John Sculley, chief executive. But Apple declined to comment on suggestions that it is to make 2,000 job cuts worldwide. Michael Metz, Oppenheimer & Co stockbroker, said: "I think we have seen the peak in percentage earnings growth which is infecting both capital and consumer companies and I think companies close to government spending will be hit. This is not a warning about the economy, but it is a warning about the valuation of the market, which is too high, and as growth slows, will have to come down."

STOCKMARKET

Profit downgrading dilutes Glaxo price

GLAXO Holdings fell 10½p to 587½p after a late announcement that Goldman Sachs, the American securities house, had downgraded its profit and earnings forecasts for the pharmaceuticals group.

Paul Krikler, a London-based analyst with Goldman, has cut his 1993 profit forecast from £1.71 billion to £1.65 billion, with his five-year earnings growth rate for Glaxo trimmed from 13 to 11 per cent.

Early technical support for the cash market, bolstered by a premium on the September FT-SE futures, was short-lived as first-quarter trade data reinforced the impression that the UK economic recovery was still fragile.

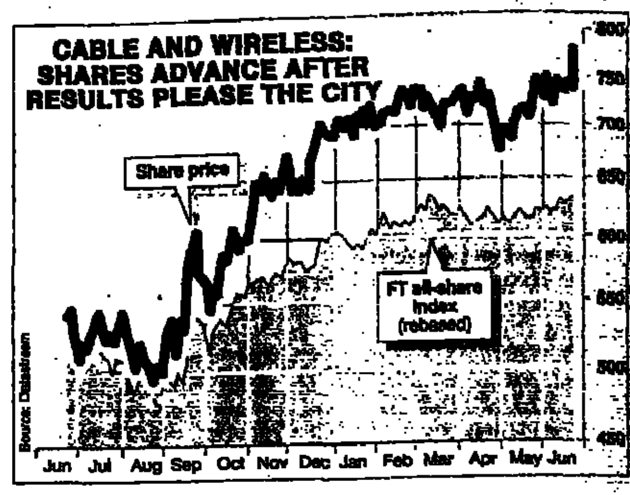
A negative start on Wall Street further dampened sentiment in London. The FT-SE 100 index remained above the 2,900 level, but closed well below its best, ending up 4.2 points at 2,907.6. Volume was thin, reaching 588.1 million.

Rothmans B shares *surged* 55p to 720p on news that shareholders could receive a sizeable one-off payment under plans to reorganise the the tobacco to luxury goods business.

Richemont, the Swiss-based holding company ultimately controlled by the South African Rupert family and a 62 per cent shareholder of Rothmans International, has started talks with Rothmans and Dunhill Holdings, where Rothmans has a 57 per cent stake.

It proposes to separate their tobacco and luxury goods businesses, including Cartier, to create two new quoted groups focused separately on tobacco and luxury goods. The shake-up will realise a cash windfall to shareholders of both Rothmans and Dunhill.

The City was relieved that the £1.3 billion rights issue from **Zeneca**, up 8p to 626p, had a received a better than expected take-up of 86.15 per cent. The five-for-16 issue was priced at 600p a share. However, SG Warburg and Barclays de Zoette Wedd, the



lead underwriters, now face the task of finding buyers for the remaining 14 per cent of the shares.

The market was cheered as better than expected full-year figures from **Cable and Wireless** were accompanied by an upbeat statement on current year trading and a one-for-one *share split to improve marketability*. C&W shares added 23p to 777p, with traders looking for £8 before long.

Allied Lyons firmed 2p to 541p, boosted by a push from

Shares in Metrotect Industries, the pipeline protection products maker, will be placed by Panmure Gordon with institutional investors at 108p, raising £15 million and capitalising the group at £26 million. This gives a pro-forma price earnings multiple of 15 times and a gross dividend yield of 4 per cent.

Hoare Govett, which has changed its recommendation on the stock from a hold to a buy. **Grand Metropolitan** eased 1p to 425p in spite of a relatively positive institutional presentation.

T&N climbed 3½p to 184p after reports of a positive presentation to fund managers and analysts. **Vickers** added 9p to 149p after an announcement that it had won a £140 million tanks contract from Oman to supply the first phase of the new Challenger 2 battle tank. **Whessoe** rose 13p to 337p after winning a £25 million Indonesian power station contract.

There was support for **Redland**, up 11p to 456p, on technical grounds, recovery prospects and hopes of a cut in interest rates in Germany. *Smith New Court pointed out* that a switch into Redland and out of RMC, off 11p to 750p, looked favourable.

There was support for **Reuters**, up 36p to £13.83, bolstered by healthy transaction figures for the Dealing 2000-2 foreign exchange system.

Campari slid 18p to 115p for no apparent reason, although there was talk of a stock overhang and rumours centred on a possible stock write-down in the pipeline.

Water stocks reversed early gains after a warning against price rises from Ian Byatt, the director-general of Ofwat, the water industry regulator.

GILT-EDGED: Government stocks continued to firm, although profit-taking in the afternoon eroded gains. There was also news that the Bank of England is to auction £3.25 billion worth of 8% 2003A **Treasury stock**, fully paid, next Wednesday. On the futures market, the September series of the long gilts fell four ticks to £106 2/32, on volume of 34,000 contracts.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Dow lower in early trading

New York — Weakness in retail stocks and a series of negative earnings forecasts kept Wall Street stocks lower in early trading as the market tried to fight its way out of an over-bought condition. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 11.07 points to 3,499.75. Declining issues had started to outnumber advancing shares.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended higher after prices jumped up and down on index-linked trading shortly before the close. The Nikkei average rose 325.87 points to 19,538.30.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed firmer on the better than expected results of a government land auction and improved perceptions of talks *at the Sino-British Joint Liaison* Group. The Hang Seng index rose 43.15 points to close at 7,046.73, after swinging widely from a 22-point loss to a 62-point gain.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares fell across the board on institutional selling of key index shares. The Straits Times industrial index fell 31.81 points to 1,787.68.

☐ **Sydney** — The All-ordinaries index closed, down 9.9 points, at 1,716.7.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index ended 8.26 points higher at 1,698.08. (*Reuter*)

	Jun 22 midday	Jun 21 close
AMP Inc	63	62
AMR Corp	60	62
Abbott Labs	26	26
Aetna Life	55	55
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	41	40
Albertsons	52	53
Alcan Aluminum	19	19
Alco Standard	49	49
Allied Signal	66	66
Alum Co of Am	67	67
Amax	22	22
Amerada Hess	50	50
Amer Brands	32	33
Amer Cyanamid	52	52
Amer El Power	36	36
Amer Express	29	29
Amer Genl Corp	32	31
Amer Home Pr	66	65
Amer Intl	129	129
Amer Stores	45	45
Amer T & T	61	61
Ameritech	80	81
Amoco	55	55
Anheuser-Busch	49	50
Apple Computer	40	39
Archer Daniels	24	24
Arkla	9	9
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	31	30
Asarco	19	20
Ashland Oil	25	25
Atl Richfield	118	117
Auto Data Pro	47	47
Avery Dennison	28	29
Avon Products	56	56
Baker Hughes	27	27
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	54	54
BankAmerica	44	43
Bank of NY	57	56
Bankers Tr NY	70	70
Barnett Banks	47	47
Bausch & Lomb	50	50
Baxter Intl	28	28
Becton Dickinsn	38	38
Bell Atlantic	57	57
BellSouth	54	54
Black & Decker	20	20
Block (H&R)	36	36
Boeing	38	38
Boise Cascade	25	25
Borden Inc	18	18
Bristol Myrs Sq	59	59
Browning Ferris	26	27
Burlington Nthn	50	50
CBS	236	237
CNA Financial	93	93
CPC Intl	41	40
CSX	68	69
Campbell Soup	39	39
Can Pacific	16	16
Cptl Cities ABC	530	534
Cpd Holdings	38	38
Carolina Pwr	32	32
Caterpillar	75	75
Central & SW	31	31
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	30	30
Chemical Bk	40	40
Chevron Corp	88	88
Chrysler	46	46
Chubb Corp	84	83
Cigna Corp	60	60
Citicorp	28	28
Clorox	48	49
Coastal Corp	27	27
Coca Cola	41	41
Colgate-Palmolive	57	57
Columbia Gas	25	25
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Comp	52	51
Comp Ass Intl	28	28
Conagra	25	25
Cons Edison	34	34
Cons Nat Gas	51	51
Cons Rail	53	53
Cooper Inds	51	51
Corning Inc	34	34
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	52	51
Dayton Hudson	62	63
Deere	63	64
Delta Air Lines	47	47
Deluxe Corp	38	38
Detroit Edison	33	33
Digital Equip	39	38
Dillard Dept St	36	37
Disney (Walt)	42	42
Dominion Res	43	43
Donelley (RR)	29	30
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	55	56
Dow Jones	27	27
Dresser	23	23
Duke Power	39	39
Dun & Brdstreet	58	57
Du Pont	49	49
Eastman Kodak	53	53
Eaton Corp	92	92

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Emerson Elec	59	59
Engelhard Corp	35	35
Enron Corp	60	60
Entergy Corp	34	34
Ethyl Corp	28	28
Exxon	65	65
FMC Corp	43	43
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	46	45
Fed Nat Mtge	81	80
First Chicago	39	39
First Interstate	59	59
First Union Rlty	10	10
Fleet Finl Grp	32	32
Fluor Corp	42	41
Ford Motor	51	51
GTE Corp	36	35
Gannett	49	49
Gap Inc Del	30	31
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	95	95
Gen Electric	96	95
Gen Mills	64	64
Gen Motors	43	42
Gen Reinsurance	111	110
Gen Signal	67	67
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	59	59
Gillette	50	49
Glaxo ADR	17	17
Goodrich (BF)	43	44
Goodyear Tire	38	38
Grace (W&R)	39	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	33	34
Great Wstn Fin	16	16
Halliburton	38	39
Heinz (HJ)	36	37
Hercules	75	74
Hershey Foods	49	48
Hewlett Packard	82	81
Hilton Hotels	48	47
Home Depot	41	42
Homestake Mng	17	17
Honeywell	36	36
Household Intl	66	67
Houston Inds	42	42
Humana	10	10
ITT Corp	84	85
Illinois Tool	37	37
INCO	23	23
Ingersoll Rand	35	34
Inland Steel	28	28
Intel Corp	56	55
IBM	49	49
Intl Flav & Fr	114	115
Intl Paper	64	65
James River Va	20	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41	42
K Mart	20	21
Kellogg	54	53
Kerr-McGee	50	51
Kimberly-Clark	47	46
Knight-Ridder	52	52
Lilly (Eli)	48	49
Limited Inc	22	22
LIN Brdcstng	99	99
Lincoln Nat	75	75
Litton	64	64
Liz Claiborne	31	31
Lockheed Corp	61	61
Louisiana Pac	31	31
MCI Commun	55	55
Marriott	25	25
Marsh & McLnn	85	86
Masco Corp	30	29
May Dept St	35	36
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	41	41
McDonalds	49	49
McDonnell D	72	71
McGraw Hill	58	58
Mead Corp	44	44
Medtronic	65	65
Mellon Bk	55	54
Melville Corp	45	45
Merck Inc	36	37
Merrill Lynch	75	74
Minnesota Mine	108	108
Mobil Corp	74	74
Monsanto	57	58
Morgan (JP)	66	67
Motorola Inc	83	82
Natl Medical	9	9
Natl Semi	15	15
Natl Service Ind	25	25
Navistar Int C	2	2
NBD Bancorp	31	31
NY Times A	24	23
Newmont Mng	48	49
Niag Mohawk	23	23
Nike B	57	57
NL Industries	3	3
Nordstrom	26	27
Norfolk Sthn	65	63
Nthn State Pwr	44	44
Norwest Corp	50	50
Nynex Corp	90	90
Occidental Pet	21	21
Ohio Edison	24	24
Oracle Systems	43	43

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Oryx Energy Co	21	21
Owens Corning	40	40
PNC Financial	31	30
PPG Industries	69	68
Paccar Inc	58	58
Pacificorp	18	18
Pac Enterprises	24	24
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33
Pac Telesis	47	47
Pall Corp	17	18
Panhandle East	23	23
Paramnt Comm	53	53
Parker Hannifin	33	33
Penney (JC)	44	45
Pennzoil	65	64
Pepsico	36	36
Pfizer	69	70
Phelps Dodge	44	45
Philadel Elec	29	30
Philip Morris	47	48
Phillips Pet	29	30
Pitney Bowes	40	41
Polaroid	38	38
Price Co	34	35
Primerica	45	45
Procter & Gmbl	49	49
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	73	73
Ralston Purina	45	45
Raychem Corp	42	41
Raytheon	59	59
Reebok Intl	29	29
Reynolds Metals	44	45
Roadway Svcs	53	53
Rockwell Intl	33	34
Rohm & Haas	56	55
Royal Dutch	92	93
Rubbermaid	29	30
Safeco Corp	56	55
St Paul's Cos	79	79
Salomon Inc	38	37
Santa Fe S Pac	15	14
Sara Lee Corp	25	26
Scecorp	24	[illegible]
Schering Plough	67	67
Schlumberger	66	66
Scott Paper	32	32
Seagram	27	27
Sears Roebuck	53	54
Shell Trans	57	[illegible]
Sherwin Wlms	32	32
Skyline Corp	17	[illegible]
Snap-On-Tools	28	[illegible]
Southern Co	41	41
Sthwestern Bell	37	37
Sprint Corp	32	32
Stanley Works	45	45
Sun Company	24	26
Suntrust	46	45
Supervalu	34	34
Syntex Corp	18	18
Sysco Corp	26	26
TRW Inc	63	64
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	30	30
Telecom Corp	4	4
Teledyne	20	[illegible]
Temple Inland	44	44
Tenneco	49	49
Texaco	63	64
Texas Inst	69	68
Texas Utilities	44	44
Textron	53	53
Time Warner	38	37
Times-Mirror	29	29
Timken	33	33
Torchmark	53	52
Toys R Us	35	[illegible]
Transamerica	52	52
Travelers Corp	29	29
Tribune	54	54
Tyco Labs	41	41
UAL Corp	120	121
UST Inc	28	[illegible]
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	109	[illegible]
Union Camp	42	42
Union Carbide	19	19
Union Pacific	61	60
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAir Group	15	16
USF&G Corp	17	16
US Life	39	39
US West	44	44
United Tech	54	54
Unocal Corp	30	30
Upjohn	30	30
VF Corp	48	48
WMX Tech	33	[illegible]
Wal-Mart Stores	24	25
Warner-Lambert	70	70
Wells Fargo	105	103
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	41	41
Whirlpool	57	57
Whitman	13	13
Winn Dixie	58	[illegible]
Woolworth	27	[illegible]
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34	35
Xerox	77	77

UK slips in international competition stakes

BY OUR FINANCIAL STAFF

INDUSTRY leaders give evidence today to a special enquiry into manu*facturing competitiveness* at the trade and industry select committee amid deep and persistent concern about Britain's position in the world.

A key report on international competitiveness published yesterday by the World Economic Forum and covering 38 countries showed that Britain had slipped from 13th place in its league table to 16th.

In manufacturing, Britain came last in the report's grouping of 22 wealthy nations. The rewrite of an internal report by the Department of Trade and Industry, the original draft of which was highly critical of Britain's competitive position, has been completed but not yet been published. The committee will today interview the chairman of Rover Group and the chairman and chief executive of T&N, manufacturer of components for the car and aerospace industries, having heard testimony last week from the CBI, which has called for an industrial policy to bolster manufacturing, and the Federation of Small Business.

The economic forum report highlights several weaknesses in areas generally agreed to be necessary for long-term gains in competitiveness. It notes that "soft assets" count. "With world recession keeping the pressure on, a country's resilience depends increasingly on its most fundamental asset: people. The most competitive nations in the 1990s will be those whose people have the right values, education system, motivations, attitudes ...", the authors write. Britain scores badly here. In education, Britain is judged to be 20th out of 22, last but one in the "attitude of the workforce" category and last but one *for the availability of skilled people* category.

In the more recognised economic categories, it ranked 19th out of 22 for capital formation and, in spite of government claims for its record on inflation, no higher than ten on inflation performance. In the key category of spending on research and development, Britain came 20th out of 22 in spite of relatively high rankings for its wealth of scientists and researchers.

Britain's highest rankings included a second place for foreign inward investment and a second place for banks as a source of credit to the private sector. The report's authors said that the slide to 16th place in the league table of the world's wealthiest countries probably overstated Britain's competitiveness problems, coloured as *this result* was by the country's struggle with recession. The report said that Britain's recession started earlier than those in continental Europe and it "may also recover faster than the Continent".

However, it highlighted "serious doubts ... about the competence of senior management and the quality of the country's education system" as well as concern about the degradation of Britain's system of values, elements of competitiveness that are structural and long-term.

In the rankings, Britain was above only Finland, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Turkey and Greece. It was supplanted in 13th place by the Irish Republic.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF BEAUDESERT LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 18 June 1993, I, Joan Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 18th day of June 1993
J Y Venvil

No. 003986 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF FAIREY GROUP plc AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 9th June 1993 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company in the amount of £34,083,257.88 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 21st June 1993.
DATED this 22nd day of June 1993
ASHURST MORRIS CRISP
Broadwalk House 5 Appold Street London EC2A 2HA
Solicitors for the Company
Ref: MJS/sbs/1989e

LEGAL NOTICES

KETTERING BODYCRAFT LIMITED
Company Number: 1603100
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that:
1. By a special resolution of the shareholders of the above-named Company approved at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders held on 18 June 1993 the payment out of capital of £203,800.00 for the purpose of the Company acquiring 10,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each from Mr J Thomas and 10,000 "A" Ordinary Non-Voting Shares of £1 each and 10,000 "B" Ordinary Non-Voting Shares of £1 each from Mrs L Thomas was authorised.
2. The amount of the permissible capital repayment as defined by Sections 170, 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £504,000.00
3. The statutory declaration of the directors' and the auditors' report required by Section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at Henson Way, Telford Way Industrial Estate Kettering Northants NN16 8PX.
4. Any creditor of the Company may at any time during the period of 5 weeks immediately following 18 June 1993 (being the date of the above mentioned special resolution) apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payments.
R D Nixon
Chairman and Director

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LALORTECH LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD on the 2nd day of July 1993, at 2.30 pm, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
Creditors are only entitled to vote at the Meeting if a proof of debt, together with a proxy if required, has been lodged at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD not later than noon on 1 July 1993.
A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, for the two business days prior to the Meeting at Gibson Hewitt & Co, 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD.
Dated this day 21 June 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
S W Richmond, DIRECTOR.

LEGAL NOTICES

RE: ANALEC (CHELMSFORD) LTD. AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Tuesday the 29th June 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday 25th June 1993.
Dated this 9th day of June 1993
Mr S S Bridgen, Director.

NO. 003811 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
In the matter of Chesterton International Limited and in the matter of the Companies Act 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division dated the 16th day of June 1993 confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named company by £2,100,000.00 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 17th June 1993.
Dated this 22nd day of June 1993
OSBORNE CLARKE
of 6-9 Middle Street, London EC1A 7JA
Solicitors for the above-named company

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Cricketers Association Charity
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at DOFFMANS (ref. LMD) 11 Argyll Street, London W1V 2LJ, or obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference PC-286742A/1-CD(Ldn1). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN
TEL: 071-782 7344
or FAX: 071-481 9313

RISES:		FALLS:	
Redland	456p (+11p)	Guinness	478p (-7p)
Inchcape	595p (+10p)	RMC Group	750p (-11p)
Dunhill	405p (+62p)	Hickson	214p (-13p)
Vickers	149p (+9p)	Spring Ram	61p (-8p)
Cable Wireless	777p (+23p)	Wolseley	636p (-7p)
Whessoe	337p (+13p)	Campari	115p (-18p)
British Land	325p (+8p)	Sappi	463p (-8p)
Grainger	185p (+11p)	ICI	691½p (-9½p)
Rothmans 'B'	720p (+55p)	Critchley	362p (-11p)
Tiphook	360p (+19p)	Logica	260p (-9p)
Zeneca	626p (+8p)		
Betterware	253p (+9p)		

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AG Holdings (125)	125	-2	*Ivory & Sime ISIS Tst (100)*	97½	...
Break for the Border (48)	58	...	Nthrn Ireland Elec (100)	127	+½
Brunneliffe Aggregates (25)	39	...	OGC (130)	125	...
China Inv Trust (100)	94	...	Phonelink (155)	235	...
China Inv Warrants	53	...	Pilkington Warrants	31½	-2
Crabtree (150)	204	...	Quayle Munro (118)	138	...
Division Group (40)	78	-2	RJB Mining (250)	229	...
Drew Scientific (105)	125	...	RPC (125)	161	...
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The coal fire may be dying but its sparks can still fly

With no increase in sales, Philip Bassett believes the problems of coal are continuing to grow as relentlessly as stockpiles at the pitheads

Coal face: despite the public protests collieries continue along the inexorable path towards closure

It will not go away. Coal, the Conservative party's bête noire, is back again to haunt a government already hard-pressed on many sides. The government's white paper was the latest attempt to force the coal genie back into its bottle: but the new rows over pit closures mean that once again, coal has popped out to cause trouble.

Virtually all sides — the government, British Coal, its employees, the private sector and the unions — have attributed the damning scale of the coal problem as a one of the pressures building on Michael Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade, that may have contributed to his heart attack.

Unusually, one part of the coal industry had a success story to tell yesterday. British Coal Enterprise, BC's job-creation arm, increased by half its placement of redundant miners into jobs. As Kevan Hunt, BC's employee relations director and now also BCE chairman, put it: "I'm delighted to be associated with growth. Growth is not something I have been associated with for some time."

True enough. Coal has been a declining force for as long as almost anyone can remember. Forty years ago, coal employed almost three-quarters of a million men, hewing away in 850 collieries. By the time British Coal announced its abortive closure programme last October, the industry was already a sliver of its former self — 50 pits and 50,000 men.

Public pressure forced the government and BC to back off from their ham-fisted closures. But since then, what many predicted would happen has been happening: the sliver would be pared still further, pits would close, away from the limelight, to the point where, a year after the original closure announcement, BC and the government will probably be within a spit of where they always intended.

BC is now well past half way towards what it wanted last October. Since then, quietly, 19 pits have shut. Last week, the political row over coal resurfaced when it became clear that at least three — although probably six, and possibly more — of the 12 pits "reprieved" by the government's white paper would also close.

Labour leaders shouted fraud, charging that the white paper had been no less than fraudulent in relation to Parliament. Even the 19 mines once considered BC's core business are under threat. Even those not wholly wedded to conspiracy theories about the way the government and BC work will probably find it hard to avoid the conclusion that, one way or another, the coal industry is heading towards the 13 or 14 pits originally envisaged in a report on the industry by N M Rothschild, the merchant bank subsequently to become the government's adviser on privatising coal.

Neil Clarke, BC's chairman, is unafraid of that charge. He sees his job principally now as readying the industry for the privatisation white paper. A bill is expected to be announced in the Queen's autumn speech.

In the meantime, the process of "market testing" a range of BC's pits goes on — carefully, according to BC executives; disingenuously, according to Labour and the unions, who see market testing as a camouflage while BC proceeds with closure by stealth. What is now startlingly clear in all of this is that the central problem — the market for coal — remains entirely unchanged by the political and business manouvering that has taken place since October.

Tim Eggar, the energy minister, accepts that in all the careful calculation that went into the review, the stark quantities of coal produced and coal likely to be bought remained the unchanging framework against which the government and BC operated. Robin Cook, Labour's industry spokesman, puts it more bluntly: the government, he says, failed to find a single ounce of additional coal sales.

The government has never shied away from making clear its reluctance to intervene in markets, and industry ministers say they have no powers to force the private companies who are BC's principal customers, the electricity generators, to take more coal. Again, opponents cry foul and talk of a rigged market. But whatever the truth in that, it does nothing to strengthen BC's hand in the largely futile negotiations it says it is still having with generators about expanding the market.

Until such talks as there are reach an endpoint, BC claims it cannot know the size of the subsidy for coal the government has promised. The delay will hardly displease Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, as the Treasury struggles to find ways of reducing borrowing. In any case, there are those in BC and elsewhere who believe the actual subsidy, if and when it comes, will be vastly less than the £500 million figure being tossed around unattributably at the time of the white paper.

With the subsidy pledges still hanging in the air, the generators are unsurprisingly playing hardball even harder, making it clear that if they are to buy coal it will not be until at least the autumn, when they have had a chance to reduce stocks, and that if they do, they will want it not just *at* world market prices, but below.

For its part, BC is offering coal to the generators at a price that many experts regard as unsustainable in terms of the economic cost of digging it out of many BC mines. If the generators accept BC's low price offer, it will then be for the taxpayer to bridge the gap through the promised subsidy. Mr Clarke talks unspecifically about contract flexibility and other markets but, when pressed, has no ideas about who, other than the generators, BC can sell its coal to; at the same time, miners around the country, fearful for their jobs in whatever category of pit they work, are doing what they can to try to ensure their future by continuing to break productivity records — producing more and more coal to add to the stockpiles for which BC cannot find a buyer.

Despite the bleakness of coal's market position, the government's opponents in Labour and the unions will use the resurgant rows over coal to press the case against pit closures. Today, TUC leaders will demand an emergency Commons debate on coal against the background of the inevitable call from Arthur Scargill, the mineworkers' president, for strike action — to be heard, no doubt, more fully next week at the NUM's annual conference.

Such limited sound and fury will carry on, and further political and industrial rows over coal will continue to flare. The political, social and emotional resonance of the coal industry means that coal will not go away as an issue: come the autumn, when the extra tonnage — no doubt very limited — to be taken by the generators, and the subsidy required become clear, the problems of coal will once again return to hit all sides hard.

But just as last year, the set of complex, intertangled binds — on the government, on BC and on the miners — looked like a disaster waiting to happen. Now, it has become a disaster waiting to happen again.

TEMPUS

Able and willing

CABLE and Wireless is the company that always wants more. Not satisfied with the phenomenal growth in its Hong Kong monopoly, and a regulatory regime in Britain that has transformed Mercury from a pipe-dream to a £1.2 billion business in less than a decade, it is still waiting at Oftel's door in the hope that the regulator will harry BT just a little more. If only the Treasury was selling 22 per cent of C&W next month.

The City scorned C&W's past claims that it could soon have a positive cash flow as Mercury develops. These figures proved that assertion beyond doubt. Unless the group finds a large investment project in the next 18 months, it will be paying off its £520 million debt, despite the cost of developing Optus in Australia and the One-2-One network at home. C&W, however, will no doubt find somewhere new to commit its prodigious cash flow.

Even the age-old question mark over the political exposure of Hongkong Telecom after 1997 is beginning to look less threatening. The subsidiary still accounted for 59 per cent of the group's operating profits last year, after discounting the minority, but that proportion will fall steadily in the next two years, with Mercury now signing up more than 30,000 new residential customers a month.

The opportunities in South East Asia outweigh the risks. The Chinese government may be forced to rely on outside investment to fulfil its ambitious targets for telecom expansion, and C&W is prepared to commit up to $1 billion to the country in an appropriate joint venture. Even at 17 times prospective earnings, the shares still have attractions.

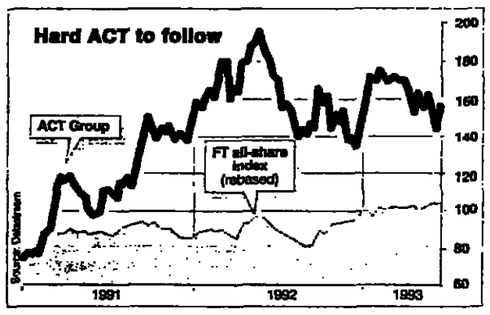
ACT Group

SOFTWARE houses rarely merge easily, and the clash of entrepreneurial cultures often sends shockwaves through profits and share prices. So the City is wary of ACT's recent acquisition-led growth and its £93.5 million purchase of the BIS Group.

On paper, the logic of the acquisition is irrefutable. BIS's financial and information systems divisions closely complement ACT's own products and markets. On a historic p/e ratio of 15 or more, the deal looks expensive, but once ACT strips out the £5 million in cash in BIS's balance sheet, and reduces central overheads by £3 million, the acquisition should, at worst, be earnings neutral.

The problems will come when ACT tries to integrate BIS's staff and customer base with its own operations. Roger Foster, the chairman, says any integration will be slow, but this exposes the group to unforeseen trouble in semi-autonomous units.

On the positive side, the acquisition should leave ACT with more than £5 million in net cash. This will be increased with the probable disposals of the computer support and Cablestream businesses and Brann. BIS's market research division. But the market's doubts will linger, until it sees concrete evidence of integration. The shares have a prospective earnings rating a fifth below the market average and are unlikely to close that gap, although the rights shares do carry an attractive 5.6 per cent forward yield.



Hazlewood

DIGESTING the results from Hazlewood Foods was rather like eating a nouvelle cuisine dinner — they looked good, but did not wholly satisfy the appetite.

Hazlewood has rationalised its previously diverse business and focused on value-added products, such as convenience foods and ready meals, which offer better margins and greater growth prospects. The strategy, however, has yet to deliver strong profit growth. Underlying net profits rose 5 per cent last year.

For a company that says it has given up acquisition-led growth in favour of organic development, year-end gearing of 95 per cent was worryingly high — and dangerously close to the 100 per cent limit agreed on Hazlewood banking covenants. The recent sale of its Belgian chocolate decorations business has reduced gearing to 85 per cent, but with few other disposals in the pipeline, and the group expecting to be little more than cash neutral this year, it is hard to see how Hazlewood can reduce this figure substantially. At least, shareholders can derive some comfort from last year's comfortable 5.6 times interest cover.

Hazlewood's share price reflects these concerns and yesterday's fall reduces the prospective earnings multiple to 10. The company needs to confound its critics by generating cash and growth from its remaining businesses to qualify for a re-rating.

First Leisure

BASED on First Leisure's interim results, it would not be surprising to see Lord Rayne, the chairman, leaping up to shout "House". A 15 per cent rise in operating profit underlined the robust nature of the group's current businesses, while the acquisition of a bingo club chain provides a new avenue for growth.

The move into bingo clubs is a logical and potentially highly lucrative step for First Leisure. As a low-ticket business catering for a mass-market audience, it shares many of the features of the group's other operations. With the emergence of more modern purpose-built bingo halls targeted at more affluent audiences, the market also offers some growth potential.

The promising prospects for the group are, however, fully reflected in the shares, which trade on a prospective p/e ratio of 22.

GrandMet

JUDGING by the sharp rise in Grand Metropolitan's shares on Monday, investors were expecting a robust performance by Sir Allen Sheppard and his team at the group's annual institutional presentation. They were not disappointed.

Sir Allen's most positive announcement was that the food sector will start delivering cash to the group this year, and that the retail business will be cash neutral. This should allow IDV's strong cash generation to reduce the group's £3.2 billion debt.

If GrandMet produces figures to match such fighting talk, the shares may return to a earnings multiple in line with the market average, a process that will be accelerated with sizable disposals.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Du Cann makes an offer

THE latest twist in the long-running saga of Sir Edward du Cann and his finances will intrigue all those who have followed the fortunes of the former Lonrho chairman and MP. He met creditors yesterday, in an attempt to stave off the threat of bankruptcy hanging over his head since March, when a bankruptcy order was made against him on a petition by Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens, the solicitor, over unpaid legal bills. Sir Edward, who has lost two of his properties over unpaid mortgage arrears — Cothay Manor, his 14th century mansion near Wellington, Somerset, was repossessed in May 1992 — is understood to have offered creditors 41p in the pound, provided they agree to a voluntary arrangement. If Denton Hall and the others force him into bankruptcy, the payout may slip to as little as 15p. Sir Edward had been given until June 28 to sort out his affairs. It is worth pondering a newspaper article in 1967 in which the unit trust pioneer wrote of his fascination with money, adding: "The trouble is that most people let money be their master when it should be their servant. The ignorance among the general public about how to use money is fantastic."

Foxy poser

THE London Futures and Options Exchange's decision to change its name from London Fox to the London Commodities Exchange has left directors facing a tricky dilemma — what to do about the holographic fox in the exchange's lobby. The fox, mounted in glass, leaps out at visitors as they come through the door, and is to be removed when the name-change goes through at the start of next month. Robin Woodhead, chief executive, admits that the likely fate of the mascot has caused some confusion. "The hologram is our greatest problem," he admits. "The fox is an animal associated with vermin, so it's probably not a good idea to hang on to it." Any takers should give him a ring.

Dixons chairs

STANLEY Kalms, chairman of Dixons, the electrical goods retailer, is keen to keep up standards in the competitive world of business. Hence two appointments by London Business School to a £1 million research and teaching programme funded by his company. Dr Diana Robertson becomes assistant professor of organisational behaviour and business ethics and Professor Jack Mahoney becomes Dixons professor of business ethics and social responsibility.

Million to one

TRAVELLERS to America, who moan about the dollar-pound rate, should spare a thought for citizens of the Balkans, where the black market exchange rate for the Yugoslav dinar is exchanging hands at a million to the US dollar, give or take a few units. The currency has plunged, reflecting the "government" decision to devalue again to 700,000 dinar to the mark. The figure is slightly above the current black market rate and ten times more than the largely meaningless "official" exchange rate. The dollar to a million dinar ceiling broke after the government of what remains of the former Yugoslavia agreed on a draft budget allocating three-quarters of all expenditures to the armed forces.

THE clatter of castanets has been echoing from the City offices of Baring Securities where Anna Macdonald has resigned from the Spanish salesdesk to seek pastures new. Her departure, after just a year, was confirmed by Alex Murray, managing director, who adds that the firm will now be seeking a replacement to work with Victor Galliano on Spanish sales. The market was abuzz with speculation yesterday over where Macdonald might resurface, none the least because she is not known to speak Spanish.

JON ASHWORTH

"No need to ring it that loud"

BUSINESS LETTERS

How insolvency law fails creditors

From Mr Stanley Lerner

Sir, With reference to Mr Robert Breckman's letter (June 22) regarding the inadequacy of the insolvency laws, I recently had the misfortune to attend a meeting called by receivers acting for a major clearing bank, who informed us that although they regretted the absence of the directors, they were in fact under no legal obligation to attend.

If, however, we wanted to question the directors about their running of the company, we would have to place the company into liquidation, thus throwing away more good money. Incidentally, in this case, the company had a paid up capital of £30 and secured bank borrowings of over £500,000, which borrowings were fully covered by charged assets. Unfortunately, the unsecured creditors will receive nothing.

Finally, I would suggest that Mr Breckman's chapter and verse should also include the professional advisers who continue to act for such directors.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY LERNER,
37 Hove Park Way,
Hove, Sussex.

New Zealand's money management works

From Mr W. J. N. Moore

Sir, Malcolm Crawford (June 15) takes no account of the psychological support given to the exchange rate by central bank "independence". Were it not for the Bundesbank's well-known freedom from interference, the DEM exchange rate would today be at crisis levels thanks to German politicians' irresponsibility over reunification. Along the same lines, his article fails to mention the lessons of the New Zealand experience, where the government can allow the exchange rate freely to reflect the country's record on inflation because the market knows not only that inflation is under control, but that it is likely to remain so, thanks to independent monetary management. Those opposed to central bank "independence" usually cite the need for democratic accountability as their main argument, but this ignores the explicit accountability of the New Zealand model, where the governor is appointed by, and accountable to, the government. Not only are realistic medium-term objectives set, but, as Minister of Finance Ruth Richardson pointed out in London recently, if unexpected economic or financial conditions justify it, these targets can be changed.

Where the New Zealand model makes the British politician uncomfortable is transparency: transparency of the terms of political accountability and transparency which is needed both when medium term targets are set and, eventually, when they are changed. Where the New Zealand model makes the Tory politician uncomfortable is that, if the Bank of England were transparently accountable and our monetary management in evidently safe hands, the conservatives' electoral bogeyman of socialist economic irresponsibility would lose most of its force.

If long-term economic success was one of our government's main objectives, they would have no hesitation in following New Zealand's lead.

Yours faithfully,
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-do- Acc	68.74	72.84	+0.32	0.76
Far East Gen	63.94	68.03	+0.82	...
-do- Acc	63.94	68.03	+0.82	...
Glenfriars	257.30	273.80	-1.10	0.68
-do- Acc	289.70	308.20	-1.30	0.68
Growth	382.90	409.60	+1.20	2.23
-do- Acc	655.50	701.10	+2.00	2.23
Income Growth	378.60	402.80	-0.20	3.77
-do- Acc	503.30	535.50	-0.40	3.77
Master Portfolio	9569.0	9913.0	+23.00	2.21
-do- Acc	11074.0	11472.0	+26.00	2.21
Special Sits	87.88	93.49	+1.31	2.20
-do- Acc	102.83	109.40	+1.54	2.20
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1209.0	1247.0†	+6.00	4.32
-do- Acc	1426.0	1471.0	+7.00	4.32
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	193.50	206.30	+0.90	1.60
Capital	536.80	572.80	+3.60	2.37
Eurotrack 100	130.30	138.70	+0.70	1.49
Euro Gth	80.79	86.13	+0.17	1.31
Far East Growth	89.78	95.81	-2.20	0.07
Global Bond	24.12	25.43	+0.23	5.88
Hong Kong	83.16	88.75	-1.48	0.77
Income	503.90	537.70	+1.80	3.92
Intl Growth	72.82	77.71†	-0.85	1.00
Japan Growth	252.80	269.70	-17.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	32.98	35.19	-1.69	...
Japan Index	75.24	80.29	-4.09	0.24
Nth American	443.60	473.40	+5.80	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	55.03	58.73†	-0.92	...
The Footsie Fd	107.50	113.50†	+0.60	2.70
Tiger Index	143.70	153.30	+1.00	0.61
Trixie Index	106.30	113.40	+0.20	2.53
UK Index	125.00	133.40	+0.60	3.00
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	84.38	90.14†	+0.61	1.00
European P folio	73.35	78.06	+0.23	1.38
Japanese P folio	62.95	66.90	+0.30	...
Pacific P folio	101.56	109.21†	-0.43	1.07
Cazenove P folio	71.82	76.69	-0.04	3.00
UK Income Gth	63.77	68.47	+0.89	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.22	50.90	+0.01	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	...	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	598.50	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.50	...	5.62	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	63.19	66.52	...	2.27
Beckman Intl	81.44	85.97	...	3.08
Friars Hse Inc	178.35	191.77†	...	6.08
Friars Hse Cap	248.32	267.01	...	2.73
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.78	39.13	+0.63	1.80
-do- Acc	41.44	44.08	+0.71	1.80
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	56.70	60.64	+0.21	0.24
-do- Acc	59.06	63.17	+0.21	0.24
Quilter	123.98	131.88	+0.71	2.47
-do- Acc	137.66	146.45	+0.79	2.47
Quilter Income	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.36	92.36	+0.01	5.02
-do- Acc	92.36	92.36	+0.01	5.02
Fixed Conv	40.85	43.46†	+0.10	6.69
-do- Acc	108.31	115.22	+0.29	6.69
Equity Income	144.33	153.54	+0.78	3.62
-do- Acc	463.28	492.85	+2.48	3.62
Preference	47.15	50.16	+0.10	7.22
-do- Acc	241.91	257.35	+0.49	7.22
PPT Europe	149.83	159.39	+0.45	1.05
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.46	50.49	+0.16	7.90
PPT Global Bond	85.62	91.00	-0.05	5.43
PPT Gold Com	57.34	61.43	-0.73	...
PPT Oriental Gth	56.37	59.97	-0.36	0.26
PPT Far East Gth	105.46	112.19	+0.61	0.13
PPT High Yield	116.33	123.76	-1.75	4.65
-do- Acc	447.54	476.11	-6.77	4.65
PPT Managed	61.84	65.79	+0.39	3.38
-do- Acc	75.60	80.43	+0.47	3.38
PPT UK General	68.79	73.18	+0.33	2.52
-do- Acc	83.48	88.81	+0.65	2.52
PPT Japan	113.19	120.41	+2.00	...
PPT N Amer	149.17	158.69	-0.36	0.07
PPT UK Gth	119.11	126.71	+0.80	2.02
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	83.68	89.02	-0.51	0.89
Japanese Acc	60.75	64.63	+0.66	...
UK Balncd Inc	127.50	135.60†	+1.00	2.47
-do- Acc	150.40	160.00†	+1.20	2.47
UK Growth Acc	208.20	221.50†	+1.70	2.18
UK High Inc	133.60	142.10†	+0.90	6.69
-do- Acc	161.60	171.90†	+1.00	6.69
N America Acc	112.00	119.10	+0.10	0.33
European Acc	155.70	165.60	+1.60	0.42
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.93	63.56†	-0.20	8.89
-do- Acc	98.30	104.30†	+0.40	8.89
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.13	51.20	+0.41	0.22
Environmntl Opp	71.47	76.03	+0.46	1.72
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	112.10	119.10	+0.10	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	201.30	213.70†	+0.20	1.17
Eurofund	37.58	39.78	+0.03	1.01
Mngd Exempt	167.10	174.20	+1.80	3.01
Growth Inc	215.90	228.40	+0.60	3.71
High Dist	142.00	150.90†	+0.40	5.14
International	321.80	341.90	+1.70	0.95
Intl Income	81.10	86.56	+0.39	3.00
Pacific	59.63	63.36	-0.17	0.47
Smllr Jap Cos	69.12	73.44	+0.47	...
Tokyo	197.20	209.50	+3.70	...
Japan Exempt	119.90	123.10	-6.60	0.41
Sm Jap Exempt	597.60	614.00	-37.00	0.08
Equity Income	121.70	129.30†	+0.70	3.94
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	...	...	...	...
Australia	6.928	7.357	-0.059	1.07
Euro Spec Sits	141.10	149.30	+0.37	0.55
Financial	41.15	43.72	+0.26	2.73
Global Opps Inc	88.57	94.11	+0.08	2.13
-do- Acc	91.80	97.54	+0.08	2.13
Gold Gen Inc	50.23	53.37	-0.29	0.80
-do- Acc	96.41	102.40	-0.60	0.80
Income	119.70	127.20†	...	4.01
Japan General	153.80	163.40	+1.90	...
Preference	21.86	23.23†	+0.08	7.81
UK Capital	104.20	110.70	+0.50	3.05
Worldwide Cap	198.90	211.30	+0.90	3.04
World Income	85.71	91.07	+0.45	3.26
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	176.80	188.00	...	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	106.24	111.83	+0.22	3.10
High Income	121.43	127.82†	+0.03	4.62
TR of Inv Tsts	148.21	156.01	+0.45	1.90
Special Sits	87.12	91.70	+0.48	2.34
North American	102.64	108.04	+0.27	0.86
Far Eastern	246.80	259.79	+0.52	1.60
Intl Growth	95.58	100.61	+0.32	1.28
European	63.29	66.62†	+0.28	2.19
Smaller Cos	70.78	74.51†	+0.16	2.06
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
United Charities	219.40	233.40	...	3.34
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	122.50	130.30	+0.10	...
High Income	25.50	26.83†	+0.03	5.58
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	93.62	99.05†	+0.09	0.75
Far Eastern	134.90	144.40	-1.10	...
Opens Income	88.44	94.60	-0.04	2.26
UK Growth	95.46	102.10†	+0.80	0.95
UK Income	101.00	108.00	-0.80	3.21
US Smaller Cos	251.50	269.00	-1.00	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	48.74	51.84	-0.24	...
-do- Acc	48.74	51.84	-0.24	...
Am Smllr Co	424.00	453.40	-2.90	...
-do- Acc	433.20	463.20	-2.90	...
Capital	293.40	312.00	+0.40	2.02
-do- Acc	408.60	434.60	+0.70	2.02
Contl Smllr Cos	47.55	51.09†	-0.02	0.78
-do- Acc	49.70	53.40†	-0.02	0.78
Convertible	114.60	121.90	+0.40	5.78
-do- Acc	217.50	231.30	+0.60	5.78
Emg Mark	53.39	57.04	+0.07	...
-do- Acc	53.39	57.04	+0.07	...
European	95.41	101.70†	+0.10	1.01
-do- Acc	99.46	106.10†	+0.10	1.01
Extra Income	299.20	318.20	+1.00	3.96
-do- Acc	419.00	445.60	+1.50	3.96
Financial	105.70	113.40	-0.20	0.65
-do- Acc	110.70	118.70	-0.20	0.65
Gilt Gth Tst	62.10	64.04	+0.24	6.84
-do- Acc	80.24	82.75	+0.32	6.84
Health Fund Inc	117.80	125.80	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	117.80	125.80	-0.80	...
Income Tst	181.00	192.50†	+1.30	3.82
-do- Acc	256.50	272.80†	+1.60	3.82
Intl Growth	313.80	335.20	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	348.40	372.30	-0.60	...
Japan Gen	174.00	185.70	+1.80	...
-do- Acc	175.70	187.50	+1.70	...
Mngd P folio Inc	91.06	95.85	+0.21	0.86
-do- Acc	95.76	100.80	+0.30	0.86
Monthly Income	154.40	164.20	+0.40	3.91
Qrtly Inc	49.28	52.41†	+0.30	3.83
-do- Acc	49.39	52.53†	+0.30	3.83
Recovery	290.20	310.30	+0.20	0.64
-do- Acc	339.90	363.40	+0.20	0.64
UK Growth	47.13	50.39	+0.27	2.62
-do- Acc	47.13	50.39	+0.27	2.62
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	350.41	372.78†	+3.12	2.67
-do- Acc	715.54	761.21†	+6.37	2.67
Euro Gth Dist	106.77	113.59	+0.82	0.86
-do- Acc	109.97	116.99	+0.85	0.86
Fixed Int Dist	130.24	137.36†	+0.50	6.35
-do- Acc	221.57	234.37†	+0.84	6.35
Intl Gth Dist	76.86	81.77†	+0.48	0.74
-do- Acc	79.79	84.88†	+0.51	0.74
Nth Amer Dist	169.04	179.07	+1.79	0.90
-do- Acc	183.32	194.20	+1.95	0.90
Pac Basin Dist	245.79	261.48	+0.21	0.14
-do- Acc	249.66	265.60	+0.21	0.14
Stewardship Dist	303.60	322.98†	+1.79	1.72
-do- Acc	362.00	385.11†	+2.13	1.72
Stwd Inc Dist	64.62	68.75†	+0.17	3.14
-do- Acc	79.96	85.06†	+0.21	3.14
N Am Stwd Dist	97.97	104.22	+0.55	...
-do- Acc	103.63	110.25	+0.58	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dlng: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	140.20	149.90	-2.00	...
European	409.60	434.70	+1.80	0.98
Far East General	224.20	239.10	+0.60	0.30
Germany	96.07	101.80	+0.70	0.45
Global Assets In	69.16	73.86	+0.23	2.18
Global Assets Ac	73.13	78.10	+0.24	2.13
Income Inc	123.90	132.60	+0.50	6.63
International	269.20	288.20	-0.30	0.97
Intl Income	76.59	81.52†	-0.17	4.89
Japan General	362.80	385.90†	+0.30	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.55	50.86	+0.05	5.97
UK Capital Inc	171.80	183.80	+0.60	3.76
-do- Acc	294.00	314.50	+1.10	3.57
UK Spec Sits	78.57	83.82	+0.84	1.51
US General	115.80	123.20	-0.60	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	115.30	123.20	-0.80	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.48	47.66	+0.22	1.43
Cash Trust	129.07	129.07†	+0.02	4.91
Pract Inv Inc	104.16	111.70	+0.52	4.11
-do- Acc	223.61	239.80	+1.11	4.11
UK Smaller Cos	105.03	112.63	...	0.84
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.77	27.56	+0.32	7.87
High Inc	31.91	34.13†	+0.15	4.81
UK Equity Inc	129.56	138.57	-0.27	3.89
Global Bond	29.73	30.81†	-0.16	4.67
International Funds				
Gold Intl	85.11	91.27†	+0.11	0.73
Frontier Markets	42.43	45.50	-0.15	0.48
Global Inc Gth	120.05	128.08	+0.12	1.92
UK Intl	114.10	122.08†	+0.70	0.24
Overseas Funds				
American	128.53	137.33†	-0.27	0.48
European	81.95	86.93	+0.25	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	96.38	102.87	+0.26	0.88
American Emerg	80.79	86.64	-0.70	...
Hong Kong	115.64	124.01	-1.55	2.01
Japan	218.50	231.99	+1.99	...
Pacific Growth	159.27	170.80†	-0.76	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	126.94	135.34	+0.29	0.37
American Gth	125.11	133.81	+0.78	...
European Gth	66.57	71.17	+0.32	0.42
Japan Gth	76.73	82.07	+0.54	...
Pacific Inc	145.59	155.71	+1.67	2.85
Pacific Strategy	126.05	134.82	-0.19	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.81	75.68†	+1.24	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.83	50.51†	+0.35	2.70
UK Small Cos	45.07	48.20	-1.22	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.40	131.40	...	5.13
Gilt Fixed	121.50	128.90	+0.50	6.07
Growth Equity	290.40	310.20†	+3.00	2.14
Guardhill	430.90	460.30	+4.40	2.19
Income Trust	110.70	118.20†	+1.00	3.01
International	156.50	167.20	+0.40	0.36
Japan Trust	120.80	129.00	+0.80	...
Nth American	233.10	249.40	+0.20	0.48
Pacific	376.60	402.30	+1.80	...
European	339.90	363.10†	+0.20	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	35.31	37.45	...	1.65
-do- Acc	36.96	39.18	+0.10	1.65
Inc Adv Inc	29.94	31.32†	+0.20	4.06
-do- Acc	31.00	32.86	+0.30	4.06
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 222380 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	81.75	87.61	+0.13	1.18
Equity Income	112.80	120.00†	+1.10	3.44
European	131.50	139.20	+1.30	1.21
Intl Situation	74.36	79.32†	+0.42	...
Japanese	137.90	146.30	+1.40	...
North American	96.95	102.90†	+0.50	...
Scandinavian	112.70	119.20	-0.20	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.62	32.57	+0.02	2.03
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2251, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263298 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	87.65	93.49	-1.02	...
Asian Enterprise	128.94	141.01†	-0.73	0.56
Australian	139.97	149.62	-0.16	1.32
European	369.95	391.55	-0.35	1.29
European Inc	71.05	75.13	+0.26	2.92
Euro Sml Co	118.55	126.30	-0.20	0.56
Extra Income	259.61	276.37†	+1.07	4.81
Family of Funds	70.55	75.37	-0.07	1.28
Fixed Interest	55.13	58.96†	+0.16	7.59
Global Resour	106.62	113.38	+0.29	0.73
High Inc	293.29	313.52	+1.09	4.23
Income Gth	237.78	253.23†	+1.33	3.56
-do- Acc	615.05	655.02†	+3.99	3.56
International	228.88	243.99	-0.35	0.94
Japan Spc Sit	235.29	250.13	+2.94	...
Japan	200.31	212.96	+2.99	...
N Amer	219.77	233.97	-0.68	0.25
Pacific Smllr Cos	191.99	207.77	-0.35	0.27
Pref Gilt	46.13	49.81	+0.09	8.48
Smaller Cos Div	169.24	184.47	+0.24	3.72
Special Sits	262.35	280.60	+1.00	1.70
-do- Acc	404.09	432.37	+1.54	1.70
Best of British	55.74	59.68†	+0.38	2.56
Spirit of the East	60.58	64.86	+0.88	1.36
Henderson TR Dealing 071 410 4020				
American Gth	79.06	84.55	-0.52	...
Euro Spec Sits	45.92	48.82	-0.02	1.45
-do- Acc	48.62	51.69	-0.02	1.45
Far East Opps	32.28	35.02†	-0.24	0.42
-do- Acc	33.32	36.14	-0.25	0.42
General Growth	99.49	106.54	+0.49	2.61
Global Tech	121.53	131.36†	-0.73	...
Income Growth	103.57	111.32	+0.60	3.72
Income Monthly	57.36	61.34	+0.12	3.36
Japan Growth	80.32	85.40†	+1.14	...
Overseas Gth	76.24	81.08†	+0.19	0.82
Smaller Cos	75.15	80.80	+0.16	1.63
Special Opps	105.93	113.90	+1.03	1.51
Wld Spec Sits	49.17	52.59	-0.23	0.77
-do- Acc	49.28	52.71	-0.23	0.77
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	87.63	93.72	-0.22	2.24
Capital	156.30	167.10	+0.70	1.88
Dollar	308.20	329.60	+0.80	0.03
European	199.70	213.50	+0.70	0.63
Far East	241.50	258.20	-2.60	0.27
Financial	703.00	751.80	+4.80	1.95
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.29	26.79	+0.09	7.76
High Yield	100.50	107.40†	+0.50	4.56
Income	135.00	144.30	+0.80	3.41
Intl	215.20	230.10	+0.80	0.31
Japan Tech	70.46	75.35	+0.98	...
Ntr Resources	60.88	65.11	-0.50	0.46
Security	298.30	319.00	-1.00	1.95
Smaller Cos	110.90	118.60	+0.40	1.25
Special Sits	138.10	147.70	+0.80	1.60
US Smaller Cos	66.37	70.98†	-1.00	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.24	26.98	-0.09	1.54
Special Features	27.25	28.95	-0.10	1.61
-do- Acc	32.18	34.19	+0.12	1.61
General Funds				
UK Growth	53.33	57.01†	+0.29	1.88
Assets Earnings	71.34	75.79	+0.42	1.87
do Acc	83.83	89.06	+0.48	1.87
Managed Invest	87.09	93.00	+0.25	1.18
Expert Children	75.73	80.77	-0.50	1.80
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.72	50.72	...	4.28
Extra Inc	79.40	84.98	+0.47	4.78
Gilt	27.43	28.90†	+0.123	6.83
Income Gth	38.86	41.48	+0.30	3.40
Midstar	74.24	77.92	+0.26	7.88
Preference	17.66	18.78†	+0.02	6.38
UK Income	311.10	332.60	-1.30	2.88
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	57.30	60.88†	+0.28	2.24
Property Shares	64.06	68.87	+0.01	1.72
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	144.80	152.10†	+1.50	3.68
European Acc	112.20	118.90	+0.70	1.76
European Dist	106.80	113.10	+0.60	1.76
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.60	51.70	-0.32	0.90
European Perf	111.00	117.70	+0.40	1.03
-do- Acc	113.10	119.90	+0.40	1.03
Euro Small Cos	21.28	22.65	...	0.74
French Growth	65.68	69.95	+0.33	0.53
-do- Acc	70.17	74.73	+0.35	0.53
Hong K/China	72.70	77.24	-0.15	1.61
Intl Growth	51.35	54.55	+0.09	0.64
-do- Acc	51.35	54.55	+0.09	0.64
Japan Perf	33.61	35.68†	+0.37	...
Accum Units	33.61	35.68†	+0.37	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.09	38.37	+0.28	...
Singapore Asean	82.09	87.21	-1.51	0.28
-do- Acc	82.59	87.73	-1.52	0.28
South East Asia	237.30	252.10	-1.30	0.95
US Smllr Cos	101.80	108.10†	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	102.80	109.20†	-1.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.26	88.74†	+0.02	2.19
Intl Bond	58.09	58.87	-0.07	6.18
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7264				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.60	69.94†	+0.01	4.95
Extra Income	51.17	54.44†	+0.11	7.09
Gilt Yield	118.00	124.40†	+0.30	7.26
Global Income	199.50	212.20†	-0.70	4.13
High Yield	135.40	144.00	+1.87	5.74
Smllr Cos Div	48.09	51.16†	+0.17	4.10
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	89.26	94.96	-0.27	...
North American	75.54	80.36†	-0.74	0.42
European	129.90	138.20†	+0.60	1.62
Euro Special	76.73	81.63	+0.10	0.94
General	264.70	281.60	+0.30	3.17
Japan	416.30	442.70	+5.00	...
Japanese Special	229.50	244.10	-2.60	...
Master Acc	215.80	229.60	+0.60	1.35
Pacific	265.60	282.60	+1.00	0.57
Smaller Cos	102.00	108.50†	+3.95	1.54
UK Equity Gth	36.34	38.66	-0.07	1.68
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	72.84	77.49†	+0.55	1.00
Extra Income	23.99	25.52†	+0.26	3.23
Far East	27.03	28.75	+0.16	0.92
Income Gwth	73.13	77.80	+0.68	2.73
Intl Growth	51.34	54.62	+0.42	0.67
Japan	63.12	67.15	+0.38	...
Maximum Dist*	100.20	102.20	+0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.61	41.07†	+0.02	0.28
UK Equity	87.18	92.74	+0.75	2.91
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.63	57.05	+0.46	4.36
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	427.80	455.10	+2.40	2.72
Equity Acc	812.10	863.90	+4.60	2.72
Equity Income	91.91	97.78	+0.63	4.76
European	95.73	101.80	+0.50	1.28
Far Eastern	181.40	193.00	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	51.62	54.91†	+0.08	6.36
Gilt	90.70	96.18	+0.34	6.39
Global Growth	65.74	69.94†	+0.20	0.46
Intl Bond	56.83	60.46	-0.13	4.70
Japanese	68.76	73.15	+1.17	...
Overseas Equity	94.33	100.40†	+0.20	0.05
Pacific Gth	86.98	92.53	-0.75	0.45
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834513				
Balanced	313.00	333.00	+2.70	2.79
-do- Acc	687.50	731.40	+5.90	2.70
Contl Euro Gth	50.39	53.05	+0.36	1.42
-do- Acc	53.29	56.10	+0.41	1.42
Extra Inc	236.10	251.20	-1.90	3.79
-do- Acc	583.60	620.90	-4.80	3.79
German Gth	99.41	104.70	+0.70	0.23
-do- Acc	104.30	109.80	+0.70	0.23
Growth Port	488.20	519.40	+2.00	1.03
-do- Acc	488.20	519.40	+2.00	1.03
Income	444.60	473.00	-3.20	3.54
-do- Acc	1141.0	1214.0	-8.00	3.54
Income Port	488.80	520.00	+2.40	4.18
-do- Acc	493.50	525.10	+2.50	4.18
Japan Growth	92.95	98.89	+0.52	0.01
-do- Acc	93.28	99.24	+0.53	0.01
Master Trust	51.54	54.84	+0.23	1.36
-do- Acc	56.75	60.38	+0.26	1.36
N American Gen	182.20	193.90	-0.30	0.01
-do- Acc	210.50	224.00	-0.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	137.50	146.30	-1.10	0.01
-do- Acc	140.30	149.30	-1.20	0.01
Pacific Basin	207.90	221.20	+2.90	0.61
-do- Acc	219.70	223.80	+3.10	0.61
Small Cos Rec	312.40	328.90	+0.50	2.06
-do- Acc	406.80	428.30	+0.70	2.06
UK Growth	79.15	84.21	+1.94	2.19
-do- Acc	92.29	98.19	+2.27	2.19
Worldwide Gth	278.30	296.10†	+3.50	0.18
-do- Acc	410.40	436.60	+5.10	0.18
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	77.57	83.23†	+0.75	2.80
Income	60.87	65.31	+0.49	5.30
International	56.58	60.71†	+0.18	0.70
American	59.46	63.80	+0.05	0.30
Japan	52.51	56.34	+0.22	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	56.74	60.88	+0.46	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	388.80	410.50	+1.10	0.87
-do- Acc	479.80	506.50	+1.40	0.87
American Rec	413.30	436.90	-1.00	0.22
-do- Acc	473.40	500.60	+1.20	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	119.30	126.10	-0.60	...
Australia Acc	161.20	170.50	...	1.15
Capital	674.50	713.30	+7.00	2.38
-do- Acc	744.20	787.30	+7.70	2.38
Commodity Acc	431.80	456.40	-0.80	0.79
Compnd Gth	825.90	873.40	+8.40	2.84
Dividend	35.50	37.50†	+0.20	4.08
-do- Acc	140.30	148.80	+1.40	4.08
Equity Inc	302.30	319.70	+2.10	4.68
European Div	59.80	63.20	+0.20	4.28
-do- Acc	67.60	71.50	+0.20	4.28
European Gen	381.10	403.00†	+1.50	1.16
-do- Acc	478.80	506.20	+1.80	1.16
Extra Yield	378.30	400.00	+3.10	4.29
-do- Acc	1106.0	1169.6	+9.30	4.29
Far Eastern	300.40	317.70	-1.30	0.78
-do- Acc	395.30	418.00	-1.70	0.78
Fund of Inv	507.40	536.60†	+3.60	2.14
-do- Acc	925.50	978.80	+6.50	2.14
General	53.40	56.50†	+0.60	3.50
-do- Acc	142.80	151.10	+1.50	3.50
Gilt Fxd Int	60.90	62.00†	+0.20	7.63
do Acc	155.60	155.90	+0.80	7.63
Gold	54.40	57.50	+0.10	0.90
-do- Acc	63.60	67.20	+0.10	0.90
High Inc	24.90	26.30†	+0.20	4.43
-do- Acc	94.20	99.70	+0.70	4.43
Intl Growth	68.20	72.10	+0.30	0.95
-do- Acc	117.60	124.30	+0.50	0.95
Intl Inc	93.90	99.30	+0.40	4.56
Japan Gen Acc	48.80	51.50	+0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	144.10	152.40	-1.00	...
Midland	55.40	58.60	+0.20	3.22
-do- Acc	177.30	187.50	+0.50	3.22
Recovery	36.60	38.70†	+0.30	2.57
-do- Acc	58.30	61.70	+0.50	2.57
Second Gen	61.60	65.10†	+0.40	3.35
-do- Acc	152.60	161.40	+1.00	3.35
Smaller Cos	60.70	64.20	+0.20	3.03
-do- Acc	115.00	121.20	+0.30	3.03
Trustee	39.10	41.30	+0.20	3.82
Charibond 3	1111.72	...	+0.70	9.65
Charifund 2	638.10	644.50	+5.80	5.11
Pension ex 1	844.30	865.50	+6.80	4.22
NAACIF Inc 3	145.73	...	...	7.72
-do- Acc 3	1107.4	...	+3.80	7.72
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	137.00	146.50	+0.48	1.98
-do- Acc	152.30	162.20	+0.48	1.98
UK Income	114.00	121.90†	+0.41	2.60
-do- Acc	128.80	137.70†	+0.41	2.60
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	83.02	88.79	+0.81	0.77
Far East (Pacific)	133.90	142.10†	-1.10	0.65
Income Growth	71.70	76.11†	+1.08	3.45
European	66.53	70.62	+0.31	1.28
Nth American	56.18	59.63†	+0.33	1.02
UK Growth	75.81	80.47	+0.24	1.60
Intl Growth	93.47	99.22	-0.18	0.65
Charities	106.50	113.00†	+0.10	3.76
Intl Income	67.22	71.35†	+0.21	4.23
Japan	51.00	54.14	-2.22	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	186.50	197.90	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	199.30	211.50	-0.40	...
Cash	100.80	100.80	...	5.51
-do- Acc	128.70	128.70	...	5.51
European Gth	191.50	205.00	+1.10	0.78
-do- Acc	205.00	217.50	+1.10	0.78
General	464.00	495.00	+4.40	2.44
-do- Acc	882.70	941.60	+8.30	2.44
Global Dist	132.00	138.80	+0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	147.30	155.30	+0.10	3.26
Income	136.30	145.40†	+1.10	4.69
-do- Acc	201.00	214.40†	+1.50	4.69
International	383.20	408.40†	+2.30	0.68
-do- Acc	509.80	543.10†	+3.00	0.68
Japan	176.00	187.20	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	181.00	192.70	+0.50	...
New Europe	138.80	148.10	+0.80	1.75
-do- Acc	141.10	150.60	+0.90	1.75
Recovery	292.20	311.70†	+0.50	2.88
-do- Acc	369.20	393.90†	+0.70	2.88
European Inc	72.85	77.43†	...	3.15
-do- Acc	94.14	100.00†	...	3.15
Brit Blue Chip	72.25	76.94	+0.73	3.28
-do- Acc	85.22	90.75	+0.86	3.28
Portfolio	73.82	78.48	+0.48	2.89
-do- Acc	83.94	89.25	-0.55	2.89
Gold General	121.20	130.30†	-2.10	0.72
-do- Acc	128.90	133.20†	-2.10	0.72
Pacific	93.38	99.59†	-0.71	0.84
-do- Acc	99.28	105.90†	-0.20	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	52.65	56.17	+0.01	1.94
-do- Acc	58.77	62.69	+0.01	1.94
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	57.08	61.05	+0.21	2.89
-do- Acc	57.96	61.99	+0.21	2.89
British Dist	76.92	82.27	+0.41	2.07
-do- Acc	87.08	93.13	+0.46	2.07
European Gth	167.80	179.50†	+0.80	0.25
-do- Acc	210.90	225.30	+1.00	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.47	73.23	+0.20	6.26
-do- Acc	120.40	128.80	+0.40	6.26
FT-SE 100 Index	48.83	52.22	+0.31	2.61
-do- Acc	48.83	52.22	+0.31	2.61
Gilt Fixed Int	55.63	57.92†	-0.21	6.98
-do- Acc	148.50	154.60	+0.60	6.98
High Yield	216.20	231.20	+0.80	4.74
-do- Acc	507.60	542.90	+2.00	4.74
Income	279.10	298.50	+1.30	3.94
-do- Acc	580.30	620.60	+2.70	3.94
Japan Gth	327.40	350.20	+7.10	...
-do- Acc	345.80	369.80	+7.50	...
Mandarin Acc	99.30	106.20	-1.20	0.47
North American	163.70	175.10†	-0.60	0.25
-do- Acc	206.60	221.00	-0.80	0.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gth	260.80	277.80	-1.30	...
Deposit Inc	100.02	100.03†	+0.01	5.03
Deposit Acc	122.71	122.71†	+0.01	5.03
Euro Gth Acc	277.70	296.80†	+0.30	...
Europa	124.40	133.30	+0.30	...
Intl Gth	168.60	180.20†	+1.20	...
Japan Tracker	74.33	78.75†	+0.89	...
UK Equity Inc	147.80	158.90†	+0.90	4.13
-do- Acc	181.10	194.90†	+1.10	4.13
UK Intl Tracker	143.50	153.60	+1.30	3.13
US Eq Ind Trkr	191.70	203.30	+0.20	1.43
-do- Acc	202.80	215.10	+0.20	1.43
Asian Trader	159.20	172.80†	-1.40	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 898 933				
American Inc	166.60	170.90	-0.10	2.19
European	60.12	61.37	+0.40	1.49
Olympiad	54.19	57.57	+0.50	0.34
Global Bond	47.73	48.26†	+0.15	6.56
Smaller Cos	66.28	69.35†	+0.19	0.95
Equity Income	91.34	93.89†	+0.85	5.08
UK Growth	83.07	85.61	+1.24	2.02
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Eliton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 322222 Dealing: 0705 367738				
American Acc	46.45	49.54	+0.05	0.09
Australian Acc	295.30	316.80	-0.50	...
Conscience	61.88	66.04†	+0.22	1.08
-do- Acc	66.78	71.27	+0.23	1.08
European	166.40	177.40	+1.00	1.09
-do- Acc	179	190.80	+1.10	1.09
Extra Income	72.06	76.90	+0.29	5.77
-do- Acc	109.80	117.10	+0.40	5.77
Far East Gth	162.50	173.70	-0.20	0.02
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.54	61.96	+0.20	6.26
Gold	43.88	47.18	-0.21	...
-do- Acc	47.25	50.80	-0.23	...
Income	51.28	54.69†	+0.35	5.14
-do- Acc	157	167.40	+1.20	5.14
International	29	31.11	+0.06	1.06
-do- Acc	41.67	44.71	+0.10	1.06
Jap Sm Cos Acc	321.80	343.20	+0.10	...
S'pore Mly Acc	185.20	198.60	-4.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.95	26.82†	+0.07	2.05
Special Sits	32.26	34.68	+0.19	1.79
-do- Acc	37.16	39.95	+0.22	1.79
Tokyo	82.70	88.21	+1.45	...
-do- Acc	83.53	89.09	+1.46	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	68.15	72.51	+0.45	2.72
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	74.52	78.86	+0.25	6.58
N&P Higher Inc	192.90	205.30†	+0.80	4.53
N&P UK Income	100.48	106.90†	+0.52	3.85
N&P Intl	86.40	91.92	+0.42	1.58
N&P Smaller Cos	76.40	81.28	+0.20	1.46
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	163.41	173.85	+0.30	2.33
Global	284.81	302.99	+0.13	1.14
Growth	107.96	114.86	+0.24	2.55
Income	200.79	213.61	+0.76	4.40
Intl Bond	127.24	135.10	+0.36	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	136.90	144.00†	+1.10	2.56
-do- Acc	242.50	255.20	+1.90	2.56
Income	218.80	232.70	+1.60	3.54
Intl Equity	220.40	234.40	+1.50	0.88
-do- Acc	241.20	256.60	+1.70	0.88
Equity	215.10	228.90†	+1.90	2.45
-do- Acc	441.00	469.10	+3.90	2.45
UK Intl 25 Acc	69.12	73.52	+0.56	1.06
UK Income	60.65	64.51	+0.45	3.05
UK Smlr Co Acc	74.60	79.35	+0.46	1.42
New Europe Acc	61.11	65.01	+0.55	1.36
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	95.70	102.45	+0.83	0.20
PEP Gth Inc	100.21	107.20	+0.45	1.22
Intl Gth	482.35	515.89	+6.92	0.63
Income	301.64	322.61	-0.19	3.46
W wide Recov	305.40	326.85	+1.83	0.27
American Gth	205.08	219.34	+3.17	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	183.66	196.45	+0.21	0.06
Far East Gth	213.49	228.31	+3.11	0.07
European Gth	110.33	118.00	+0.32	1.38
UK Growth	76.54	81.87	-0.17	3.02
High Income	84.00	89.84	+0.27	4.52
Japanese Gth	208.09	221.55	+2.80	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282643				
International	172.90	183.70	+0.20	0.85
High Income	107.10	114.00	-0.60	3.72
Conv Gilt	109.50	116.40†	+0.30	6.13
Far East	311.10	331.00	+2.70	0.27
Global Inc Acc	31.28	33.27	+0.03	5.00
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Seekings Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.65	53.88	-0.36	0.20
Emerging Mkts	64.33	68.44	-0.39	0.55
General	47.26	50.28†	+0.30	3.76
International	82.19	87.44	+0.37	1.38
Gilt Units	26.25	27.09†	+0.05	7.35
Global FEP	34.51	36.71	-0.01	2.11
Income Gth	64.84	68.98†	+0.16	4.75
European	42.10	44.79	+0.24	0.67
Gilt/Fixd Int	25.23	26.84†	+0.06	5.82
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4334 Pricebank: 0426 925991				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.06	33.20	+0.07	1.76
Pru Cah Hwn Inc	101.30	101.30†	+0.01	5.12
-do- Acc	105.43	105.43†	+0.01	5.12
Pru Equity	656.75	702.40	+3.06	2.58
Pru Equity Inc	78.09	83.51†	+0.47	4.20
Pru European	171.57	183.49†	+1.14	1.33
Pru Global Gth	79.20	84.70	+0.45	1.23
Pru High Inc	83.23	89.01†	+0.45	4.92
Pru Intl	160.38	171.52	+1.09	1.05
Pru Intl Sm Co	68.37	73.12	-0.13	0.72
Pru Japanese	193.99	207.47	+3.49	...
Pru Nth Amer	140.48	150.24†	-0.28	0.85
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.28	81.58	-0.65	1.33
Pru Premr Inc	49.36	51.40	+0.19	7.45
Pru Smllr Cos	82.52	88.25†	+0.19	2.04
Pru Spec Sits	97.11	103.86	-0.91	2.45
Pru UK Grwth	109.92	117.56	+0.51	2.30
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	152.41	164.26†	-1.45	3.58
NC Japan	263.00	281.28	-4.72	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.55	98.43†	+0.80	2.51
NC America Inc	480.50	515.47	-0.39	0.74
-do- Acc	558.11	598.72	-0.45	0.74
NC Smlr UK Cos	265.23	280.08	+0.97	1.51
NC European	248.66	265.56	+0.44	1.40
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.39	77.01	+1.04	3.66
Capital Units	142.50	151.50†	-0.40	1.30
Commodity	105.30	112.00	-2.70	1.16
European Gth	152.50	162.20	+1.00	1.31
Financial Sec	171.90	182.80†	+0.40	1.84
High Return	214.90	228.60	-0.20	4.43
High Yield	202.60	215.50	-0.30	4.05
Income Units	108.60	115.50	...	4.93
Investment	175.60	186.80	-0.60	1.28
Japan Gth	149.00	158.50	-5.80	...
Japan Smaller	178.40	189.70	-5.60	...
Masterfund	46.20	49.14†	+0.01	1.30
Scotbits	251.90	267.90	+0.80	1.54
Scotshares	257.80	274.20†	+1.20	2.25
Scotyields	222.20	236.30	-0.20	3.92
Select Intl	127.80	135.90	+0.60	0.41
Smaller Cos	228.50	243.00	...	3.96
Special Situation	110.60	117.60†	+0.30	0.82
UK Equity	222.60	236.80	-0.50	2.69
US Growth	138.40	147.20	-1.40	0.38
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	233.89	249.48†	+1.94	0.50
-do- Acc	253.41	270.39	+2.11	0.50
Australian	126.18	134.59	-0.95	0.89
-do- Acc	148.34	158.23	-1.12	0.89
UK Enterprise	214.19	228.46	+0.98	2.32
-do- Acc	247.43	263.91	+1.13	2.32
European Gth	60.67	64.51†	+0.44	1.50
-do- Acc	63.02	67.00	+0.45	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	55.08	58.75†	+0.07	0.43
-do- Acc	55.46	59.15	+0.07	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	70.96	75.69	-0.37	...
-do- Acc	72.11	76.92	-0.37	...
Fixed Interest	53.56	56.46	+0.18	6.85
-do- Acc	65.04	68.56	+0.22	6.85
Gilt Income	103.54	109.10	+0.33	7.53
-do- Acc	144.61	152.38	+0.46	7.53
Income	315.80	336.85	+1.12	3.87
-do- Acc	931.51	993.62	+3.31	3.87
Japan Enterprise	66.03	70.43	+0.91	...
-do- Acc	66.03	70.43	+0.91	...
Japan Smllr Cos	459.21	489.82	+3.91	...
-do- Acc	460.13	490.80	+2.02	...
Pacific Gth	96.11	102.51	-0.55	0.07
-do- Acc	98.96	105.55	-0.57	0.07
Smaller Cos	187.40	199.89†	+0.49	0.89
-do- Acc	216.55	230.98	+0.56	0.89
Tokyo	104.66	111.63	+1.46	...
-do- Acc	105.72	112.76	+1.48	...
UK Equity	211.01	225.07	+0.67	2.61
-do- Acc	390.76	416.81	+1.24	2.61
US Smllr Cos	133.17	142.04†	-0.31	...
-do- Acc	133.17	142.04	-0.31	...
World Fd	70.74	75.45	+0.32	1.45
-do- Acc	74.58	79.53	+0.34	1.45
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2100				
Equity Income	46.27	49.28	+0.35	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.73	67.87	+0.29	1.02
European Opps	70.65	75.24	+0.30	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.53	101.90	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	54.08	57.60	-0.32	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh, 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	344.60	368.10	+1.60	2.73
American	244.50	259.50	-0.50	0.93
Pacific	325.70	348.30	+1.80	0.07
European	447.20	478.30	+1.80	1.27
Worldwide	79.39	84.87	-0.21	1.05
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	302.50	321.90†	+2.80	2.66
UK Erg Cos Eqy	208.20	221.50†	+0.80	1.84
European	139.00	149.00	+1.00	1.82
North American	351.10	369.90	+0.60	0.39
Income Plus Inc	66.32	70.56	-0.03	2.74
UK Spec Sits	67.17	71.40	+0.46	2.77
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2541/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	35.63	37.41	+0.22	1.83
Intl Growth Acc	29.11	31.16	+0.02	1.03
Market Ldrs Acc	20.36	29.23	+0.25	2.27
FOR SAITA TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4HR. 071 626 6228				
European	87.78	...	+0.48	...
Global Bond	98.80	...	+0.30	7.80
Japan Samurai	100.72	...	+0.96	...
UK Growth	96.72	...	+0.14	4.60
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	44.07	46.83	+0.10	1.68
Equity Gth Acc	60.10	63.86	+0.10	1.58
UK Eq General	41.88	44.50	+0.30	2.28
-do- Acc	55.30	58.76	+0.40	2.28
European Acc	40.99	43.56	+0.30	1.36
Far East Acc	54.29	57.67	-1.10	0.27
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.97	32.53	+0.30	6.56
N American Acc	42.87	45.53	+0.20	0.00
Ovs Lgr Cos Acc	272.60	289.80	-3.40	1.46
UK Eq High Inc	35.03	37.22	+0.20	3.84
-do- Acc	41.60	44.20	+0.20	3.84
UK Lgr Cos Inc	289.40	314.10	+2.30	3.30
UK Lgr Cos Acc	376.50	400.00	+3.10	3.24
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1177				
Global A	NZ$1.61	NZ$1.84	...	1.20
US Eq	$2.058	$2.186	...	0.00
Far East Eq	Y230.7	Y251.4	...	...
Japan Eq	Y241.2	Y256.2	...	...
FT Europe	111.50	118.30	...	2.18
FT North Am	$1.709	$1.812	...	1.09
FT Japan	Y238.3	Y253.1	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.920	$2.039	...	1.49
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	338.10	360.10	+1.00	0.32
British	938.80	990.70	+3.80	4.16
European	389.40	414.70	+1.10	1.41
Japan	140.40	149.10	+0.80	...
New Pacific	295.30	314.50	-1.80	1.38
Mngd Cash	96.15	96.15	...	5.06
Majority Stg	100.34	101.35	+0.06	4.78
Inv Tst	190.50	201.90	+1.70	1.76
Saints PPP	380.40	400.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690300				
Equity Acc	735.20	775.60	+4.00	3.85
N America Acc	115.30	123.30	-0.60	0.21
Far East Acc	122.60	130.90	-0.20	...
W wide Bond	61.20	64.97	-0.07	5.37
European	82.70	88.45	+0.14	0.77
Equity Income	81.07	86.71†	+0.46	4.19
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.24	36.63	+0.17	0.08
Managed Assets	118.97	127.25	+0.97	1.44
UK Income	36.31	38.84†	+0.35	3.14
UK Growth	36.39	38.91	+0.36	2.40
Worldwide Gth	30.89	33.04†	+0.22	0.39
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	205.79	218.93	-1.14	0.12
-do- Acc	226.03	240.46	-1.25	0.12
British Gth	85.43	90.88	+0.52	1.89
-do- Acc	100.51	106.93	+0.61	1.89
European	92.67	98.59	-0.44	0.94
-do- Acc	97.75	103.99	-0.47	0.94
Extra Inc	186.98	198.91	+1.20	3.66
-do- Acc	298.27	317.31	+2.05	3.66
General Unit	263.76	280.60	+1.62	2.44
-do- Acc	520.46	553.68	+3.18	2.44
Income	320.57	340.82	+2.14	3.52
-do- Acc	665.76	708.25	+4.43	3.52
International	480.71	511.40	+0.59	0.46
-do- Acc	629.30	669.47	+0.74	0.46
Pacific	341.46	363.26†	+2.80	...
-do- Acc	358.60	381.59†	+2.75	...
Premier Income	31.01	33.14	+0.20	6.80
-do- Acc	106.36	110.70	+0.61	6.80
Nat Resources	123.00	130.92	+1.66	0.22
-do- Acc	135.06	143.68	+1.82	0.22
Selected Opps	98.02	104.28	-0.69	1.02
-do- Acc	122.73	130.55	-0.68	1.02
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	78.45	83.56	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	80.92	86.31	+0.32	...
European Opps	60.32	64.20	+0.30	0.46
-do- Acc	60.95	64.87	+0.30	0.46
Far East Opps	149.91	159.90	+0.45	...
-do- Acc	153.40	163.62	+0.45	...
Japan	82.68	87.93	+0.53	...
-do- Acc	82.68	87.93	+0.53	...
Little Dragons	73.70	78.70	-0.07	0.43
-do- Acc	75.93	81.01	-0.08	0.43
Oriental Income	43.12	45.99	+0.16	3.46
-do- Acc	54.97	58.63	+0.20	3.46
Tiger	214.53	228.83	-0.84	1.15
-do- Acc	225.39	240.41	-0.88	1.15
UK Small Cos	75.42	80.66	...	1.97
-do- Acc	87.99	94.10	...	1.97
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.48	18.59	+0.28	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.33	33.32	+0.08	0.00
Canadian Gth	37.74	40.14	+0.21	...
Global Bond	30.998	30.998	+0.003	7.21
Penny Share	24	25.53	-0.50	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3352				
City Reserve	52.67	52.68	+0.01	5.40
Gilt Growth	67.01	69.73	+0.27	...
Gilt Income	51.64	53.73†	+0.18	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	107.10	108.60	+0.40	...
US Govmnt Bd	30.714	30.724	+0.000	...
Challenger	93.74	95.92	+0.18	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4900				
Stockmarket Fd	68.44	72.80	+0.16	1.98

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	6,100	Cadbury	1,600	MB Cardn	1,600	Scot Power	1,400
Abbey Natl	2,100	Carlton C	807	Marks Spr	1,500	Sears	1,100
Alld-Lyons	2,000	Coats Vyla	3,800	NFC	1,000	Svrn Trent	1,200
Anglian W	1,200	Cm Union	359	NatWst Bk	4,800	Shell Trans	3,000
Argyll Gp	2,700	Courtaulds	1,200	Nat Power	3,000	Siebe	773
Arjo Wig	2,100	De La Rue	132	Nth Wst W	388	SmKl Bch	1,600
AB Foods	72	Enterpr Oil	333	Nthn Fds	866	Smith Nph	2,400
BAA	1,000	Forte	4,000	P & O	570	Std Chartd	606
BAT Inds	3,700	GRE	2,500	Pearson	1,200	Sun Allnce	583
BOC	930	GUS A	436	PowerGen	2,800	TI Gp	480
BP	8,700	Gen Acc	1,800	Prudential	2,000	TSB	3,200
BT	4,400	Gen Elec	10,000	RMC	939	Tate & Lyle	745
BTR	5,600	Glaxo	2,700	RTZ	1,100	Tesco	2,100
Bk of Scot	5,500	Granada	1,500	Rank Org	1,100	Thames W	1,100
Barclays	6,600	Grand Met	2,600	Reckitt Col	887	Thrn EMI	1,100
Bass	1,300	Guinness	3,700	Redland	4,000	Tomkins	1,300
Blue Circle	909	HSBC	3,100	Reed Intl	586	Unilever	2,100
Boots	842	Hanson	5,100	Rentokil	879	Utd Bisc	1,200
Bowater	693	ICI	2,300	Reuters	1,800	Vodafone	1,000
Brit Aero	1,100	Inchcape	1,500	Rothmans	3,600	Warburg (SG)	193
Brit Airwys	2,900	Kingfisher	1,600	Ryl Ins	6,400	Wellcome	955
Brit Gas	10,000	Ladbroke	661	Ryl Bk Scot	975	Whitbd 'A'	1,400
Brit Steel	9,600	Land Secs	1,000	Sainsbury	807	Wlms Hld	3,500
Burmah C	373	Legal & Gn	454	Scot Hydro	673	Wolseley	230
Cable Wire	3,200	Lloyds Bk	2,400	Scot & New	501	Zeneca	9,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday): Dow Jones 3498.64 (-12.18); S&P Composite 446.02 (-0.20)

Tokyo: Nikkei Av'ge 19538.30 (+325.87)

Hong Kong: Hang Seng 7046.73 (+43.15)

Amsterdam: CBS Tendency 111.0 (+0.8)

Sydney: AO 1716.7 (-9.9)

Frankfurt: DAX 1698.08 (+8.26)

FT 30 share: 2277.2 (+2.6)

Brussels: General 6326.46 (+20.37)

Paris: CAC 527.76 (+6.85)

Zurich: SKA Gen 520.20 (+1.00)

London: FT A All-Share 1433.01 (+1.52); FT 500 1552.74 (+0.37); FT Gold Mines 183.60 (-2.90); FT Fixed Interest 113.78 (+0.38); FT Govt Secs 96.50 (+0.09); Bargains 28856; SEAQ Volume 588.1m; USM (Datastrm) 139.59 (same)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 14	June 25	September 16	September 27

Call options were taken out on 22/6/93: Budgens, Crabtree, Intl Bus Com, Phonelink, Rubicon Group, TR Tech, Turkey Trust Wts, J Wilkes.

Put: Budgens.

Puts & Calls: TR Tech, Waverley.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 41728)	Sep 93	2941.0	2941.0	2920.0	2923.0	9257
	Dec 93	2943.5	2943.5	2943.5	2942.5	1
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 309825)	Sep 93	94.20	94.25	94.20	94.24	25263
	Dec 93	94.29	94.36	94.20	94.33	10401
	Mar 94	94.19	94.23	94.18	94.21	3512
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 12599)	Sep 93	96.50	96.52	96.50	96.52	1732
	Dec 93	96.05	96.07	96.05	96.07	184
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 541776)	Sep 93	93.30	93.32	93.25	93.26	60494
	Dec 93	93.91	93.95	93.89	93.90	25154
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 79222)	Jun 93	107-04	107-09	107-04	107-00	393
	Sep 93	106-05	106-15	106-00	106-02	41175
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	107.63	107.77	107.46	107.69	1806
	Dec 93				107.24	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 168759)	Sep 93	95.30	95.35	95.13	95.17	54125
	Dec 93	95.45	95.45	95.30	95.29	125
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 19179)	Sep 93	99.33	99.34	99.14	99.20	3262
	Dec 93				99.39	0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 20953)	Sep 93	93.49	93.59	93.48	93.55	2019
	Dec 93	93.89	93.97	93.89	93.94	1065
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 35803)	Sep 93	95.49	95.52	95.45	95.48	4401
	Dec 93	95.73	95.75	95.72	95.74	890
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 47448)	Sep 93	102.35	102.66	101.85	102.20	31593
	Dec 93	102.20	102.26	101.68	101.87	305

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.7 (day's range 79.6-79.8).

Mkt Rates for June 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8126-2.8193	2.8126-2.8161	1/8-3/8ds	3/8-7/8ds
Brussels	51.48-51.64	51.58-51.64	2-6ds	9-16ds
Copenhagen	9.5770-9.6340	9.5770-9.5990	1 3/4-2 3/4ds	4 1/4-5 1/4ds
Dublin	1.0253-1.0305	1.0253-1.0271	9-14ds	26-34ds
Frankfurt	2.5094-2.5136	2.5096-2.5129	3/8-1/2ds	1-1 1/4ds
Lisbon	237.36-239.21	237.36-237.83	129-139ds	367-393ds
Madrid	191.32-192.47	191.32-191.61	89-104ds	231-265ds
Milan	2258.00-2272.30	2259.80-2265.90	7-9ds	21-24ds
Montreal	1.8888-1.8998	1.8888-1.8910	0.27-0.16pr	0.45-0.22pr
New York	1.4780-1.4900	1.4780-1.4790	0.35-0.34pr	0.95-0.92pr
Oslo	10.5520-10.6210	10.5520-10.5750	par-1 1/4ds	1-2 1/4ds
Paris	8.4120-8.4510	8.4170-8.4310	1-1 1/4ds	2 3/4-2 7/8ds
Stockholm	11.2040-11.2830	11.2040-11.2280	2 1/4-3 1/4ds	5 3/4-7 1/4ds
Tokyo	164.46-164.95	164.50-164.77	1/2-1/4pr	1 1/2-1pr
Vienna	17.62-17.70	17.66-17.69	1 1/4-2 1/4ds	3 1/2-5 1/2ds
Zurich	2.2287-2.2405	2.2335-2.2366	1/4pr-par	7/8-1/4pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	1.4832-1.4858
Australia dollar	2.1681-2.1713
Bahrain dinar	0.5545-0.5665
Brazil cruzeiro*	74962.2-75014.1
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland markka	8.312-8.428
Greece drachma	338.75-345.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.5052-11.5149
India rupee	46.11-47.07
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4435-0.4535
Malaysia ringgit	3.8418-3.8460
Mexico peso	4.57-4.67
New Zealand dollar	2.7426-2.7496
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5095-5.6355
Singapore dollar	2.4316-2.4348
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9731-7.0224
S Africa rand (com)	4.8692-4.8799
U A E dirham	5.3955-5.5195

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.4585-1.4596
Austria	11.87-11.88
Belgium (Com)	34.67-34.68
Canada	1.2762-1.2767
Denmark	6.46-6.47
France	5.665-5.666
Germany	1.691-1.692
Hong Kong	7.7405-7.7415
Ireland	1.4455-1.4490
Italy	1523.0-1526.0
Japan	111.0-111.1
Malaysia	2.5845-2.5855
Netherlands	1.895-1.896
Norway	7.12-7.13
Portugal	159.75-159.95
Singapore	1.6358-1.6368
Spain	128.85-128.95
Sweden	7.555-7.565
Switzerland	1.5073-1.5083

MONEY MARKET RATES

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.09-3.05	n/a	3.19-3.16	3.34-3.32	3.72-3.70
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5¾, close 6.

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 28, 1993 Agreed rates June 23, 1993 to July 23, 1993 Scheme III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.039%.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8-7
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD / PRECIOUS METALS

Bullion: Open $369.25-369.65 Close: $368.05-368.55 High: $369.30-369.80 Low: $366.70-367.20 Krugerrand: $367.50-369.50 (£248.00-250.00)

Sovereigns: Old $87.00-90.00 (£56.75-58.75) New $87.00-90.00 (£56.75-58.75)

Platinum: $374.65 (£251.60) · Silver: $4.28 (£2.89) · Palladium: $127.25 (£85.45)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	47½	61½	69½	3½	11	18
(*540½)	550	15	31	40½	21½	31½	39½
Argyll	330	10½	23	30	13	20	26
(*327)	360	3	11½	17½	35	39	45
ASDA	67	10	13	-	1½	4	-
(*75)	76	4	8	-	4½	8	-
Boots	420	29	43	49	5½	14	20
(*439)	460	7	22	29	25	33	40
Br Airways	287	26	37½	42	4½	11	16
(*307)	316	8	21	26	17	23½	30
BP	300	20½	28	33½	4½	12	16½
(*313½)	330	5½	14	19½	20	28	31½
Br Steel	90	13	16	20½	2	4½	6½
(*101½)	100	6	10½	15	6	8½	11½
C & W	750	38½	56½	71	11½	26	37
(*776½)	800	11½	31	45½	39½	53	63½
CU	580	41	49	-	6½	19	-
(*609½)	629	11½	23	-	29½	46½	-
ICI	681	26	40	56½	17	36	44½
(*681½)	750	4	14	27½	67	83½	88½
Kingfishr	584	29	46	-	11	24	-
(*600)	632	7	22	-	39	52	-
Land Sec	550	40½	52	59	3	10½	17
(*585)	600	7	24	27½	22½	32	39½
M & S	330	17	28	34	5½	12	16
(*337½)	360	4½	13	19	25	28	32
Nat West	460	27½	36½	49	9	17½	24½
(*476)	500	7½	18	30	31½	44	49
Sainsbury	460	36	50	57	5	13	18
(*488½)	500	11	26	35	21	31	38
Shell	600	40	49½	57½	4	15	20½
(*632)	650	9	20½	32	25½	39½	45
Smkl Bch	420	39	53	62	6	17	24½
(*448)	460	14½	30	41	22	34	44
Storehse	200	12	22	26	6	11	16
(*209)	220	5	11	17	18	22	27
Trafalgar	101	7	13	-	4½	8	-
(*103)	110	3½	8½	12	10½	13½	17
Unilever	1000	61½	87½	100½	6	18	27
(*1043½)	1050	24½	56½	70½	24	37½	48½
Zeneca	600	40	54	67½	8	24½	32
(*626½)	650	15½	28	43	32	50½	58½
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Grand Met	420	17	29½	40	12	23	33½
(*424½)	460	4	14	24½	43½	48½	57½
Ladbroke	180	11	19	24	7	18	20
(*182½)	200	4	11	16	22½	31	35½
Utd Bisc	390	26	41	50	10½	20	29½
(*402½)	420	11	26	36½	22	35½	43½

June 22, 1993 Tot: 39122 Call: 21111 Put: 18011 FT-SE Call: 3340 Put: 7893

*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	700	38½	59	64½	11	21	27½
(*723½)	750	13	33	38	36½	46	52
Thames W	460	24½	35½	38½	8	18	21½
(*469)	500	6½	15½	19½	32½	40½	43½
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BAT Ind	425	21	29½	38½	12½	26	30
(*431)	460	9	18½	28	27½	42½	46
BTR	360	19	26	31½	6	14½	17
(*371½)	390	4	11	17	24½	31½	34
Br Aero	390	41½	62	74½	15	30	38½
(*411½)	420	24½	47	60½	29	45	54
Br Telcm	420	23	29	32½	8	19	25
(*431½)	460	6	12½	16	31	43½	48½
Cadbury	420	45	54	63	3½	10	14½
(*457½)	460	17	29½	39½	16½	28	32½
Guinness	460	34½	48½	59	7½	18½	24
(*477½)	500	13	27	37½	28½	38½	44½
GEC	330	18½	25	29½	8½	14	18
(*342)	360	4	11	16	29	32	35
Hanson	220	13	18½	21½	5	10	13½
(*226)	240	4	9½	12½	16	21½	24½
LASMO	140	21½	27½	32½	3½	9	12
(*156)	160	8	17	22	12	18½	21½
Lucas	130	12	18	21	6	13½	16½
(*135)	140	7	13	16	12	20½	22½
Pilkingtn	120	9	14½	16	5½	9½	14
(*122)	130	5	9½	12	12	15½	20½
Prudential	300	40	45½	50½	2	6½	9
(*329)	330	15½	25½	32	8½	17½	21
Redland	420	45½	57½	63	5	18½	24
(*455)	460	19	34	42	21	37½	42½
Royal Ins	269	33½	41½	48½	3	9	13
(*295)	288	18	28	37	8	16½	20½
Tesco	200	24	29	35	3	8½	12
(*218)	220	10	17	24	10	17	21
Vodafone	420	43	58	65	7	16½	21
(*451)	460	18	35	43	24	34	39½
Williams	300	30	35½	41½	4½	11½	15
(*323½)	330	11	18½	25½	16	27½	30½

FT-SE INDEX (*2907)

	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050
Calls						
Jul	119	77	41	19	7	2½
Aug	134	99	68	43	26	14
Sep	154	118	88	61	44	30
Oct	166	132	103	80	59	45
Dec	207	-	145	-	96	-
Puts						
Jul	7	14	30	60	102	152
Aug	22	32	51	80	113	155
Sep	33	47	68	95	126	164
Oct	42	58	79	106	137	173
Dec	66	-	103	-	155	-

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	31	43	50½	11	16½	19
(*409)	420	15½	26½	34	26½	31½	36
Amstrad	30	6	7½	8½	2	2½	3
(*34)	35	3½	5	6	4	5	5½
Barclays	460	26	39	49	21	29	34
(*464½)	500	10	22	31	47	53	57
Blue Circ	260	17½	24	29½	14½	22½	25½
(*258½)	280	9	15½	21½	27½	34½	37½
Br Gas	300	19	24	28	9	17	19
(*305½)	330	6½	10½	15	27½	35	37
Dixons	220	14	21½	26	17	22½	26½
(*218½)	240	7	14	18½	32	35½	39½
Forte	220	21	26	34	11	17	21
(*225½)	240	11	18	24	22	29	32
Hillsdwn	130	18½	22½	25	5½	9½	11½
(*138½)	140	12	17	19	9½	14½	16½
Lonrho	110	11½	16½	-	9	12½	15½
(*113)	120	7	13	14½	15½	18½	21½
Sears	100	6	9	11	4½	7½	9
(*99)	110	2½	5	7	11	13½	14½
Thrn Emi	900	43	57	66	34	40	52
(*917½)	950	18	35	44	67	72	82½
Tomkins	220	20½	26½	31	7½	10	15
(*234)	240	9	17½	21½	18½	18	25½
TSB	180	19	25	29	6	9	12½
(*196)	200	9	14½	19	16	19	22
Wellcome	700	55	73½	89½	30½	49	58
(*713½)	750	31	52	64	58½	76	86½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Glaxo	550	63½	73½	86	16	33	46
(*587½)	600	32	47½	61	36	59½	70
HSBC	600	77	95	109½	13½	26½	39½
(*658½)	650	43	65½	82	32½	48	63
Reuter	1300	118	156	187	29½	48	71½
(*1382½)	1350	86	126	159	48	69	95
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**
R-Royce	140	15½	20½	21½	7	13	14½
(*145½)	160	6½	12	13½	19	25½	26
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Fisons	160	24	30	35½	4	9	13
(*178)	180	11	23	25	11	18½	23
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Eastrn Ele	460	19	28	34½	17½	25	31½
(*466½)	500	3½	14	18½	48	52	56
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	360	24½	35½	40½	12	18	22½
(*387½)	390	11	21	26½	29	33	38
Scot Pwr	310	23½	27½	-	8	12	-
(*329)	330	10½	17	20½	19	22½	26½

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Sugar rebounded sharply following two consecutive sessions when the price for raws fell by nearly 10% in New York. The sell off has been related to the possible delivery of Brazilian crystal sugar against the expiring contract: no one wants the sugar because it would cost more to refine than unprocessed raws. It has now become a proverbial hot potato, distracting traders from the tight supply picture.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Jul	733-732	Sep	783-781
Sep	729-728	Dec	806-805
Dec	735-733	Mar	827-825
Mar	746-744	May	841-839
May	758-757		
Jul	771-769		Volume: 45676

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	907-906	Mar	940-932
Sep	927-926	May	950-942
Nov	934-932	Jul	960-952
Jan	932-931		Volume: 4903

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot unq		Mar	...
May	unq	May	...
Aug	...	Aug	...
Oct	...		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	274.0-72.1
Spot 273.0		May	277.4-75.1
Aug	279.0-77.5	Aug	282.3-77.1
Oct	273.0-72.0	Oct	275.5-68.2
Dec	273.5-72.0		Volume: 669

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 22

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	86.97	113.91	140.15
(+/-)	-1.15	+4.85	-2.17
Eng/Wales:	84.60	113.66	137.86
(+/-)	+1.71	+4.76	-2.08
(%)	n/a	-0.4	-11.4
Scotland:	97.19	116.38	146.73
(+/-)	+0.20	+5.80	-2.98
(%)	-11.8	-1.1	-4.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	unq	-	Sep	104.0	104.0
Jul	unq	-			Volume 5

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t): Jun 134.00; Sep 106.65; Nov 108.40; Jan 111.40; Mar 113.40. Volume: 26

BARLEY (close £/t): Sep 104.70; Nov 107.50; Jan 110.15; Mar 112.15; May 113.25. Volume: 1

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t): Aug 156.50; Oct 156.50; Dec 158.00; Feb 155.00; Apr 152.00. Volume: 20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	47.5
Apr	85.0	81.3
May	91.0	88.5
		Volume: 108

RUBBER

No 1 RSS Cif (p/k): Jul 58.75-60.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Levels crept lower ahead of last night's inventory figures.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.25	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.35	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.60	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	18.65	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.05	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery).

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	197 (n/c)	200 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	162 (n/c)	163 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	163 (-1)	164 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Aug	166 (-1)	167 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	57 (n/c)	59 (n/c)
Naphtha	173 (n/c)	174 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Jul	162.50-62.75	Oct	170.00-70.50
Aug	164.50-64.75	Nov	172.50-73.00
Sep	166.50-66.75	Dec	174.75-75.00
			Vol: 8127

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	17.58-17.60	Nov	18.10 BID
Sep	17.79-17.81	Dec	18.31 SLR
Oct	17.98-18.02		Vol: 14590

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jul	188.50-90.50	Oct	unq
Aug	187.50-90.50	Nov	unq
Sep	unq		Vol: 5

BIFFEX GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	1494	1490	1492
Jul 93	1375	1364	1365
Aug 93	1360	1350	1350
Oct 93	1425	1415	1415

Vol: 167 lots. Open int'st: 3543 Index 1512 -6

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1267.5-1268.0	1278.0-1278.5	1696550
Lead (£/tonne)	266.00-266.50	275.50-276.00	31650
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	936.00-936.50	954.00-955.00	325725
Tin ($/tonne)	5130.0-5135.0	5180.0-5185.0	11325
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1178.0-1179.0	1202.0-1202.5	1252025
Nickel ($/tonne)	5627.0-5630.0	5692.0-5695.0	39810

صكذا من الاصل

Gains eroded at close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 21. Dealings end July 2. §Contango day July 5. Settlement day July 12. ¶Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
421	345	Abbey Nat	409	-3	11.5	3.5	15.8
268	179	Allied Irish	263	+2	...	4.5	12.9
176	130	Ann Mew 'Z'	170	-2	...	5.1	...
3600½	2715	Bankamerica	2925 †	-65½	...	...	...
290	188	Bk of Ireland	265	+2	...	2.5	...
335	235	Bk Scotland Ord	335	...	12.0	4.5	...
154	114½	Bank Scotland	1335	+9	4%	4.5†	12.3
470	361	Barclays	465	+1	...	4.3	...
3¾	2	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	38	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Cenkle	18	...	...	...	...
113	398	Cater Allen	402 †	-1	27.0	7.0	∞
130	85	Charles	129	...	...	4.1	17.2
2650	1785½	Chase Manh	2650 †	-38	...	...	...
2065½	1345½	Citicorp	1899½	-35½	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	365	...	...	3.6	15.8
11350½	8075	Commerzbk	11274	...	...	1.2	...
6300½	4200½	Deutsche Bk	6274½	...	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	78	...	...	...	...
1443	976	Fuji Bank †	1341	-18	...	0.4	∞
465	343	General Acc	439 †	...	21.5	6.4	11.1
6894	4503	HSBC	6600	-11	180.0	3.6	15.5
6894	4503	HSBC HK	6600	-50	180.0	3.7	15.3
356	243	Hambros	338 †	+2	5.3	1.5	15.7
363	313	Joseph (E)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
155	96	King Shaxson	154	...	9.0	8.4	...
420	322	Kleinwort Ben	408	...	14.0	4.6	14.0
384	282	Lloyds	378	-3	18.4	4.0	16.6
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	83 †	...	3.0	4.5	14.5
451½	332	Nat Aust Bk	448½	-1½	...	4.5	15.4
498	358	Nat West	486	+1	27.5	4.6	12.9
397	270	Provident	393	+2	11.6	3.0	12.9
47	37	Rea Bros	43	...	0.5	1.5	45.7
292	207	Rl Bk Scot	285	...	6.8	3.9	...
987½	687½	Schroders	958	+5	...	1.4	10.1
797	576	Stand Chart	782	-3	20.0	3.2	...
198	145½	TSB	198	-1	6.4	4.1	...
190	78	Union Discount	145	...	...	...	...
741	539	Warburg (S)	726 †	+2	...	3.3	16.5
254	185	do 6% 'A'	252	...	...	5.0	...
7850	6900	Wells Fargo	6950	+150	...	...	...
172	121	Westpac	172 †	-1	...	4.4	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	541	+2	...	4.8	14.6
647	494	Bass	627	-1	18.9	4.9	10.6
273	189	Boddington	254	...	6.0	3.9	15.8
415	352	Brewin DFD	394	...	9.0	3.0	17.2
159	129	Burntwood Bw	132	...	4.4	4.1	10.0
309	261	Devenish (A)	282 †	...	7.8	3.5	15.9
103	75	Eldridge P 'A'	100	...	...	5.1	20.1
70	50	Fitzpatrick Dg	50	+1	...	2.0	25.0
380	338	Fuller Sm 'A'	353	...	12.3	3.5	15.7
480	380	Grand Met	455	+1	18.3	3.7	13.9
627	480	Greenalls Grp	596	+4	17.5	2.9	17.8
563	395	Greene King	536	+7	11.8	2.7	17.9
516	440	Guinness	498	-7	...	3.1	17.0
235	230	Hardy Hanson	231	+1	7.9	4.3	12.8
154	105	Henderson	105	...	3.0	2.9	25.0
78	58	do 'A' NVA	78	...	3.0	4.6	19.6
339	255	Highland Dist	323	-1	8.0	2.5	21.5
3125	2538	Holt J	2905	...	45.0	1.7	19.4
58	33	Hoskins Bros	58	...	...	...	42.3
313	250	Invergordon Dist	283	-1	7.0	...	...
186	157	Macallan-Glen	170	...	0.9	0.5	38.2
465	373	Macrin Mnrm 'A'	380 †	...	...	2.6	18.1
535	395	Marshall	530	...	...	15.4	...
330	253	Matthew Thmp	255	...	5.4	2.7	∞
435	357	Matthew Clark	433	-2	...	3.5	∞
300	253	Morgnes W	300	...	...	2.7	20.8
548	455	Midland	540 †	...	8.4	1.9	23.3
12	6½	Pennsylvania	8½	...	...	...	...
165	145	Regent Inns	160	...	...	3.5	16.0
350	253	SA Breweries	335	-38	...	3.1	∞
4525	4000	Scot & Nwc	4425	-3	161	4.4	12.6
259	191	Scottish Clbr	214	+1	...	2.8	20.7
248	213	Vaux Group	222	...	9.3	4.3	15.3
301	225	Wetherspoon ID	291	...	...	2.1	23.5
337	295	Whitbread 'A'	297 †	-1	...	2.5	12.5
1180	1000	do 'B'	1000	...	...	2.3	24.3
613	498	Wolverhmpton D	533	...	11.4	2.8	14.3
515	475	Young 'A'	498	...	14.5	3.6	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	113	...	...	1.2	40.8
27	13	Alfreighton A	21	...	...	...	...
110	87	Allens	110	...	...	5.9	∞
99	65	Amec	87	...	3.0	4.3	16.1
9¾	4	Anglia Sec	9¾	...	...	...	...
226	125	Ashtead	215	...	4.1	2.4	28.7
142	108	Ashwoods	117 †	-2	5.0	5.3	16.9
240	180	BPB Ind	225	-4	...	4.2	57.2
69	57	Baggeridge Brk	77 †	...	3.1	5.1	25.9
31	18	Bailey (Geo) Con	27	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barratt	95 †	...	1.2	1.6	77.2
169	94	Barratt Devs	165	+2	2.0	1.7	16.3
413	305	Bellway	407	...	...	9.7	23.6
32	15	Bellwinch	26	+1	...	...	...
292	233	Bernard Clp	288	+1	...	2.9	28.1
83	65	Bett Bros	83 †	...	3.0	3.6	...
63	36	Blockleys	59	...	1.0	2.1	65.2
265	189	Blue Circle	259	-3	...	5.4	...
288	230	Boot (Henry)	282	...	8.0	2.6	15.8
106	78	Brandon PLC	91	...	6.6	6.3	22.0
121	82	Br Dredging	113	+1	5.2	5.8	25.1
83	48	Brit Fittings	78	...	1.5	2.4	...
151	99	Bryant	139	...	4.6	4.3	28.7
81	53	CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
284	205	CRH	271	+4	...	3.4	19.2
43	22	Calednnan Hdg	34	...	...	...	...
46	23	Cassidy	44	-1	...	...	...
118	105	Countrywide	107	+2	...	3.8	35.8
70	38	Crest Nicholson	68	...	0.0	...	...
94	38	Cruden	83	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dennis	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmund Hidgs	19½	-½	0.5	3.2	...
260	178	Epwin	259	...	6.8	3.3	23.9
51	32	Galliford	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
301	252	Eve Group	277	...	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Brnest Bardon	55	-1	2.0	4.5	25.8
6½	3½	Explosive	3¼	...	...	...	...
140	97	Fitzsimon Grp	136	...	...	4.6	22.6
78	39	Galliford	43	...	4.5	...	16.9
78	53	Gibbs & Dandy	55	...	...	...	...
881	695	Glenrse (M)	878	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
127½	90	Hawden-Stuart	119	...	...	3.4	27.2
48	28	Hepworth	45	...	...	...	48.8
293	186	Heywd Wms	283	+1	12.5	5.3	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	99	...	2.5	3.3	...
35	27	How Gp	28	...	...	6.7	...
19	15	Howard Bldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Tarlock Johnsen	67	-1	1.0	1.5	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19	+2	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	262	...	9.0	4.3	16.5
63	55	Lk Constable	75 †	...	4.5	7.5	10.5
23	10½	Lovell (Y)	21	...	...	...	9.3
319	240	Manders	319	+3	9.0	3.5	19.5
143	93	Marley	135	...	4.2	3.9	39.6
94	61	Marshalls	94	+1	4.0	4.5	...
173	122	Maunders (J)	173	...	4.9	3.5	16.8
214	96	McAlpine (A)	207	...	6.5	3.9	35.8
40	23	McCarthy & S	35	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	346 †	-5	10.0	3.6	∞
4	4	Mickfd Grp	4 ¶	...	...	...	...
129	63	Mowlem (J)	101	-6	4.0	5.0	...
78	53	NSM	68	-3	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
180	106	Newman Tuks	180	...	...	6.6	20.0
300	197	Pentlemoor	299	+3	8.6	4.2	28.4
30	20	Phoenix Timber	20	...	...	...	...
1625	1225	Pochins	1412½	...	28.0	2.6	8.6
146	80	Prowting	128	...	3.4	3.3	...
6½	3½	Quilligotti	4½	...	...	...	...
113	98	RMC Gp	250	-11	...	3.3	29.5
117	90	Raine Ind	91	...	6.0	8.2	13.2
36	20	Ransoms	22	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	456	+11	23.0	6.9	26.5
64	54	Rmbld	62	...	4.5	7.5	10.6
296	227	Rugby Group	272	-5	9.4	3.5	23.3
42	23	Rmfd-Dwns	42	...	...	...	20.8
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	113	...	...	4.4	16.6
172	86½	Sheffield Ind	165 †	...	...	4.1	40.5
120	82	Sheriff Hidgs	120	...	...	4.1	15.4
73	52	Simon	73	...	...	3.4	20.5
238	197	Smart (J)	197 †	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
6½	4½	Stanmore	4½	...	0.3	8.3	...
142	105	Tarmac	129	+1½	5.5	5.3	...
147	102	Tay Homes	141	...	5.0	4.0	11.6
118	63	Taylor Woodrow	108	-3	1.0	1.2	...
588	433	Tilbury Dougls	565	+5	33.0	6.9	∞
30	19	Tmes Rtnq	26	...	...	1.4	...
230	168	Travis Perkins	225	+4	8.0	4.4	40.1
229	181	TT Group	35	...	1.0	3.4	9.9
28	25	Tridnt'e	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	68	...	3.6	6.8	12.1
82	50	Ward Hidgs	47	...	...	...	...
36	20	Warnbrdge	28	...	...	...	...
475	380	Wates Meths	425	...	18.7	3.1	18.3
28	8	Wessex	28	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	133 †	...	5.0	4.7	20.8
12	4½	Weal Midlnds	8½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 ¶	...	...	...	...
681	531	Wilson Bowdn	622	-1	8.7	2.6	29.0
208	147	Wilson (C)	186	-1	3.9	2.7	32.0
193	167	Wimpey G	164	...	5.3	4.1	...
47	25	YRM	42	...	4.0	...	4.8

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	590	...	...	...	...
288	198	Adam & Harvy	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air Londons	88	...	...	6.7	8.0
54	37	Allcom Sales	53	...	...	3.0	47.7
178	125	Amy Sec	164	+2	...	4.0	29.4
117	84	BET Ord	112 †	-3	3.3	3.6	...
63	41	BNB Res	61	...	4.8	6.7	...
318	258	BTP	290	+2	9.4	3.4	14.0
238	226	Bathcrt Indus	235	...	7.2	3.7	18.2
23	15	Bousted	19	...	0.3	4.6	...
244	184	BM Data Mgt	244	+1	...	2.0	20.3
21	11	Bramalea	21	...	...	...	14.7
73	54	Brooks Service	68	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	100	...	2.4	3.0	11.5
178	139½	Capita Group	172	-1	...	1.5	26.9
43½	31	Cntrct Plc	43½	...	...	2.4	16.1
55	40	Chiltern Capital	51	...	...	...	...
37	26	Chrisdn	31	...	...	...	...
214	220	Clarke Sec	213 †	...	...	1.9	20.8
81	18	Comsca	77	+2	...	2.4	19.2
90	6½	Corp Services	25	-1	...	...	...
93	59	Dan	88	...	...	3.3	4.9	∞
251	198	Davis Service	227	...	...	...	5.8	17.4
104	85	DW Pizza	91	...	...	4.3	5.9	20.4
28	11	Gardiner	24	+½	0.6	3.5	16.6
44	20	Gardiner (DC)	24	...	...	...	...
246	213	Hays	221½	+1½	...	4.6	2.6	21.8
220	174	Hogg Robinson	196	...	...	6.3	4.0	14.7
70	44	Holmes Protectn	44	...	...	...	...	2.9
189	122	Hunch Wtamp	178	...	...	...	2.7	∞
1950	975	IBS B DRY	1925	-9½	...	5.8	7.4	...
427	332	Inchcape	385	+10	...	2.6	20.6	...
863	669	Johnson Clean	830	...	26.7	3.9	∞	...
12	2½	Lep	9	...	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mills Gp	225	...	2.7	1.5	18.5	...
1107	895	Montgomery	995	...	...	...	...	...
48	40½	Michael Page	48	...	1.8	4.7	20.4	...
279	195	Penna	196 †	...	...	6.4	7.3	...
4½	2	Prime People	3	...	...	...	...	...
142	80	Promotion Alm	89	...	...	18.0	4.9	...
423	373	RCO	379	...	12.8	4.2	12.7	...
118	101	REA	105	...	4.0	5.0	...	...
103	63	Reed Executive	102	...	...	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Sec	133	...	...	4.2	13.4	...
238	178	Remokl	192	...	2.3	1.5	23.0	...
283	230	Rnke & Nolan	227 †	...	7.2	3.2	...	...
299	242	Silverton (S)	298	...	...	2.8	19.8	...
35	29	Scott Pickford	29	...	...	3.4	8.0	...
309	184	Securigrand	308	...	9.4	3.0	16.3	...
6½	5	Select Appts	6	...	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	940	...	14.0	1.5	20.0	...
252	185	Sherrd Compn	248	...	...	3.6	∞	...
130	60	Shrichley	65	...	...	3.9	22.7	...
355	310	Warner Howrd	317	...	8.5	2.6	16.5	...
45	27	Welpac	37	...	...	...	...	...
29	14	Wilis Gp	20½	+1½	...	0.6	28.4	...

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	228	+2	...	2.4	19.5
785	613	Amersham	780 †	+5	13.5	2.2	∞
7	3	Anglo Ind	3	...	...	...	...
£10½	8325	BASF DM	9525	+85½	...	7.3	...
259	199	BTP	257	...	...	4.5	20.9
£138	£101½	Bayer DM50	£1384	+5½	...	6.6	...
178	134	Blagden	163	...	9.5	7.3	17.6
165	93	Brent Chemn	107	...	...	8.9	9.8
530	380	Br Bio-Tech	384	+1	...	...	...
29	15	Caird Gp	15	-½	1.3	11.1	...
153	126	Canning (W)	138	-1	7.2	6.6	15.8
608	304	Courtaulds	551 †	...	...	3.2	14.6
280	228	Croda	280	+2	...	3.3	13.9
149	121	Doeflex	140	...	4.8	4.1	10.7
215	175	Ellis & Everard	215	+5	7.0	4.1	19.6
35½	19½	Exm Colour	32 †	-½	0.8	3.2	19.6
300	259	Fairgrand (J)	297	...	...	2.5	14.9
241	194	Hickson	214	-13	...	4.7	19.8
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£1081	+21½	...	3.7	...
155	73	Abbey	113	...	...	1.2	40.8
27	13	Alfreighton A	21	...	...	...	...
110	87	Allens	110	...	...	5.9	∞
99	65	Amec	87	...	3.0	4.3	16.1
9¾	4	Anglia Sec	9¾	...	...	...	...
226	125	Ashtead	215	...	4.1	2.4	28.7
142	108	Ashwoods	117 †	-2	5.0	5.3	16.9
240	180	BPB Ind	225	-4	...	4.2	57.2
69	57	Baggeridge Brk	77 †	...	3.1	5.1	25.9
31	18	Bailey (Geo) Con	27	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barratt	95 †	...	1.2	1.6	77.2
169	94	Barratt Devs	165	+2	2.0	1.7	16.3
413	305	Bellway	407	...	...	9.7	23.6
32	15	Bellwinch	26	+1	...	...	...
292	233	Bernard Cnpa	288	+1	...	2.9	28.1
83	65	Bett Bros	83 †	...	3.0	3.6	...
63	36	Blockleys	59	...	1.0	2.1	65.2
265	189	Blue Circle	259	-3	...	5.4	...
288	230	Boot (Henry)	282	...	8.0	2.6	15.8
106	78	Brandon PLC	91	...	6.6	6.3	22.0
121	82	Br Dredging	113	+1	5.2	5.8	25.1
83	48	Brit Fittings	78	...	1.5	2.4	...
151	99	Bryant	139	...	4.6	4.3	28.7
81	53	CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
284	205	CRH	271	+4	...	3.4	19.2
43	22	Calednnan Hdg	34	...	...	...	...
46	23	Cassidy	44	-1	...	...	...
118	105	Countrywide	107	+2	...	3.8	35.8
70	38	Crest Nicholson	68	...	0.0	...	...
94	38	Cruden	83	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dennis	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmund Hidgs	19½	-½	0.5	3.2	...
260	178	Epwin	259	...	6.8	3.3	23.9
51	32	Galliford	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
301	252	Eve Group	277	...	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Brnest Bardon	55	-1	2.0	4.5	25.8
6½	3½	Explosive	3¼	...	...	...	...
140	97	Fitzsimon Grp	136	...	...	4.6	22.6
78	39	Galliford	43	...	4.5	...	16.9
78	53	Gibbs & Dandy	55	...	...	...	...
881	695	Glenrse (M)	878	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
127½	90	Hawden-Stuart	119	...	...	3.4	27.2
48	28	Hepworth	45	...	...	...	48.8
293	186	Heywd Wms	283	+1	12.5	5.3	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	99	...	2.5	3.3	...
35	27	How Gp	28	...	...	6.7	...
19	15	Howard Bldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Tarlock Johnsen	67	-1	1.0	1.5	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19	+2	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	262	...	9.0	4.3	16.5
63	55	Lk Constable	75 †	...	4.5	7.5	10.5
23	10½	Lovell (Y)	21	...	...	...	9.3
319	240	Manders	319	+3	9.0	3.5	19.5
143	93	Marley	135	...	4.2	3.9	39.6
94	61	Marshalls	94	+1	4.0	4.5	...
173	122	Maunders (J)	173	...	4.9	3.5	16.8
214	96	McAlpine (A)	207	...	6.5	3.9	35.8
40	23	McCarthy & S	35	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	346 †	-5	10.0	3.6	∞
4	4	Mickfd Grp	4 ¶	...	...	...	...
129	63	Mowlem (J)	101	-6	4.0	5.0	...
78	53	NSM	68	-3	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
180	106	Newman Tuks	180	...	...	6.6	20.0
300	197	Pentlemoor	299	+3	8.6	4.2	28.4	...
30	20	Phoenix Timber	20	...	...	...	...	...
1625	1225	Pochins	1412½	...	28.0	2.6	8.6	...
146	80	Prowting	128	...	3.4	3.3	...	...
6½	3½	Quilligotti	4½	...	...	...	...	...
113	98	RMC Gp	250	-11	...	3.3	29.5	...
117	90	Raine Ind	91	...	6.0	8.2	13.2	...
36	20	Ransoms	22	...	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	456	+11	23.0	6.9	26.5	...
64	54	Rmbld	62	...	4.5	7.5	10.6	...
296	227	Rugby Group	272	-5	9.4	3.5	23.3	...
42	23	Rmfd-Dwns	42	...	...	...	20.8	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	113	...	...	4.4	16.6	...
172	86½	Sheffield Ind	165 †	...	...	4.1	40.5	...
120	82	Sheriff Hidgs	120	...	...	4.1	15.4	...
73	52	Simon	73	...	...	3.4	20.5	...
238	197	Smart (J)	197 †	...	8.5	5.4	9.0	...
6½	4½	Stanmore	4½	...	0.3	8.3	...	...
142	105	Tarmac	129	+1½	5.5	5.3	...	...
147	102	Tay Homes	141	...	5.0	4.0	11.6	...
118	63	Taylor Woodrow	108	-3	1.0	1.2	...	...
588	433	Tilbury Dougls	565	+5	33.0	6.9	∞	...
30	19	Tmes Rtnq	26	...	...	1.4	...	...
230	168	Travis Perkins	225	+4	8.0	4.4	40.1	...
229	181	TT Group	35	...	1.0	3.4	9.9	...
28	25	Tridnt'e	28	...	...	1.1	...	...
74	41	Vibroplant	68	...	3.6	6.8	12.1	...
82	50	Ward Hidgs	47	...	...	...	...	...
36	20	Warnbrdge	28	...	...	...	...	...
475	380	Wates Meths	425	...	18.7	3.1	18.3	...
28	8	Wessex	28	...	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	133 †	...	5.0	4.7	20.8	...
12	4½	Weal Midlnds	8½	...	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 ¶	...	...	...	...	...
681	531	Wilson Bowdn	622	-1	8.7	2.6	29.0	...
208	147	Wilson (C)	186	-1	3.9	2.7	32.0	...
193	167	Wimpey G	164	...	5.3	4.1	...	...
47	25	YRM	42	...	4.0	...	4.8	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	143	ACT Group	153 †	-3	...	4.3	∞
240	222	Acal	233 †	...	...	3.4	∞
165p	38	Acom Compn	98	-3	...	...	69.7
480	288	Admiral	446	...	5.4	1.5	18.8
131	106	Alba	125	...	4.7	4.6	12.1
48	19½	Alphameric	41	...	...	...	...
39½	22	Almarad	34	...	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holds	80	...	...	...	10
23	13	Arlen	23	...	...	...	...
61½	39½	Arlec	61½	...	...	...	...
283	250	Beales Hunter	265	...	9.2	4.4	14.0
9	5½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
405p	319	BICC	380	-4	19.2	5.2	28.4
575	450	Bick	450	...	...	5.2	17.5
1700	1150	Borland	1600	...	...	...	...
333	224	Bowthorpe	329	...	6.3	2.4	∞
445p	326	BT	432	...	5.7	4.6	19.9
11	9½	Bulgin (AR) 'A'	9½	...	...	5.7	4.5
140	110	Burnfield	139	...	...	4.6	24.7
780	669	Cable Wireless	777	+25	...	2.4	20.0
21½	11½	Cainbrdge	16½	...	...	...	...
258	228	CML Micro	253 †	...	...	2

IBC seeks £20m via placing

International Business Communications (Holdings) is to raise £20 million via a placing and open offer and is proposing a restructuring that will place the group in a stronger financial position.

There will be early redemption of IBC's outstanding £27 million debenture stock, and a consolidation and sub-division of shares.

The effect is the elimination of three-quarters of the debt, allowing IBC to return to the dividend lists. A payout of not less than 2p a share for the year to end-December is forecast.

Payout rises

Philip Harris Holdings, an equipment supplier, increased taxable profits to £2.01 million (£1.75 million) in the year to end-March. The total dividend rose to 6.85p (6.25p) via a 4.65p final. Earnings improved from 14.58p to 16.47p a share.

Higher profits

Soundtracs, the specialist audio equipment maker, increased pre-tax profits to £251,000 (£175,000) in the six months to end-April. Earnings rose from 1.17p to 1.67p a share, and the interim dividend is 0.92p (0.85p).

Tepnel in red

Tepnel Diagnostics, the biotechnology company, incurred losses of £507,000 (£144,000 loss) in the six months to end-March. The maiden loss is 2.21p a share. There is no interim dividend.

First Leisure puts faith in call of bingo

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

A NEW breed of younger and more affluent punter is set to revive the bingo business, according to First Leisure Corporation, the sports, dancing and resorts business largely created by Lord Delfont.

First Leisure is backing its contention with the acquisition for £20.4 million, including associated debt, of Nudge Leisure, which operates seven bingo clubs in the Midlands, Yorkshire and South Wales.

The business will eventually form a fourth division for First Leisure, said John Conlan, the chief executive, and the existing chain will grow by about three clubs a year.

Mr Conlan said that while the traditional bingo market, operating mainly from converted cinemas, had proved resilient through the recession, a new type of purpose-built club with parking facilities was attracting a new type of customer.

First Leisure is funding the deal by means of a vendor placing of 5.65 million new shares to existing shareholders and assuming Nudge's £500,000 of debt. Nudge made pre-tax profits of £2.5 million on turnover of £9.6 million in the past financial year.

The group is therefore paying a multiple of about 12 times' post-tax profits. "Good quality assets and businesses in bingo aren't cheap," said Mr Conlan. "I think that's a fair price for these kinds of assets."

First Leisure shares reacted favourably to the news, and to a rise in pre-tax profits from £11.7 million to £12.2 million in the first half to May 2. They rose 4p to 369p. The interim dividend advances from 1.88p to 2p.

Mr Conlan said trading patterns in the first half had been volatile, and the profit gains made by all three divisions did not reflect any recovery in consumer confidence.

It was still too early to project the outcome for the full year as so much depended on the summer season, but conditions were still tough.

City analysts said expansion into the bingo market had been examined recently by the market leaders, Bass and Rank Organisation, which between them have about 350 clubs out of the total of 950 in Britain, a level close to permitted limits under monopolies legislation. The two have therefore been forced to change formats as further expansion would be difficult.

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Old image, new crowd: John Conlan says bingo is attracting more affluent punters

London Fox to change name on return to profit

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE London Futures and Options Exchange (Fox) is poised to announce its first trading profit in five years and is to change its name in an attempt to make a break with its trouble-ridden past.

Trading results, due out next week, will show London Fox has made a small surplus, compared with a loss of £646,000 in the year to March 1992, and a previous year loss of £470,000. The London Commodity Exchange, as it will be called from July 1, is embarking on a 15-month plan to secure its recovery.

Michael Jenkins, chairman, said there was no threat of a takeover by a rival exchange for the time being. This remained a possibility, but would not help the immediate needs of members. He said: "We've got to put our house in order first. We are trying to ensure the exchange, whatever its size, is well-run and has adequate liquidity."

Mr Jenkins, former chief executive of the London International Financial Futures Exchange, was brought in with Robin Woodhead, chief executive, to restore the exchange's fortunes after the 1991 property futures scandal. Saxon Tate and Mark Blundell resigned after the property futures market was shut down and an enquiry was launched. Ten directors resigned between June 1991 and May 1992.

Last year's results included an exceptional cost of £974,000, relating to the property futures debacle and the regulatory clean-up that followed. Mr Woodhead said operating costs at the exchange have fallen from £10 million — £6.3 million in the past two years. The number of daily contracts required to break even has fallen from 20,700 in 1991-2 to 9,600, while the average daily trade has settled at 11,500 contracts. A wave of redundancies, notably the entire marketing department, has seen the number of staff fall from 120 to 83.

Mr Woodhead said improved liaison with members was a priority. He said: "When I turned up, there were a whole range of poorly performing contracts. The product line of the exchange was in distress and there was a perception of dubious trading practices exacerbated by the whole property trading scandal. We had two years of significant financial losses, five years of operating losses and our members were in a demoralised state."

Many members have gone out of business. Immediate objectives include improving the exchange's image and reputation and giving a much higher priority to regulation.

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Electricity price rises under fire

BY A CORRESPONDENT

INCREASES in electricity prices are killing the chances of economic recovery, an industrialist said yesterday.

Ian McKenzie, chief executive of Blue Circle Cement, said the benefits of improved productivity and efficiency are being wiped out by the rise in prices charged by the privatised electricity companies.

His company, one of the country's largest electricity users, has been saddled with a 40 per cent increase in charges in recent years, he told an energy conference in London.

"Privatisation was expected to bring competition in electricity supply and thereby maintain competitive prices to large users. It has not done so." Price increases to large users have been excessive and prospects for this year are worse, Mr McKenzie said.

"Government, having privatised electricity, cannot wash its hands of consequences which threaten industrial competitiveness and thereby the prosperity of the nation."

British car component makers are the cream of Europe

McAllister: UK important

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

FORD spent more than £2.6 billion with British component makers last year to push the UK into first place, ahead of Germany, in the European league of suppliers. The carmaker switched millions of pounds of European spending into the UK to become the biggest spender in Britain's automotive industry.

Ford Werke, the company's Germany operation, spent £536 million with UK component companies in 1992, 16 per cent of its total budget and three times more than in any other European country outside Germany. The scale of Ford spending is a substantial vote of confidence in British component makers, which are rapidly becoming the focus for the entire European motor industry, particularly manufacturers in Germany.

Big advances in productivity and a drive to improved quality initiated by Japanese manufacturers among British component makers have attracted the attention of motor manufacturers worldwide. A weaker pound has also boosted the competitiveness at British component firms.

Volkswagen, for example, is to double spending on UK-manufactured components to £400 million in 1993, and Mercedes-Benz is also increasing investment in the UK.

Although Toyota, Honda and Nissan, which have invested more than £2 billion in manufacturing sites in Britain, are credited with sparking the revival among component makers, Ford says its annual spending is higher than all three Japanese companies combined. The company estimates that its current component spending is twice the levels predicted for the Japanese "transplant" factories based in Britain by the middle of the decade. Spending has been raised to a total of £8 billion in the past five years.

Ford has been anxious to underline its commitment to Britain at a time when speculation has been rife that it was ready to close down one of its big manufacturing sites in the wake of record losses totalling more than £800 million in two years in the UK alone.

Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford of Britain, said yesterday that the company had demonstrated the UK's importance with its level of investment in component makers and research and development. Ford of Britain spent £1.8 billion with UK suppliers last year. Its research and technology budget was £239.4 million, part of £1.1 billion R&D spending in five years.

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Single registration sufficient

Armstrong and Holmes Ltd v Holmes and Another

Before Judge Paul Baker, QC

[Judgment June 17]

Once an option to purchase land was registered, a later potential purchaser from the grantor was sufficiently warned by the registration of the option; additional registration of the contract of sale resulting from exercise of the option was not required.

Judge Paul Baker, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, so held in proceedings brought by Armstrong and Holmes Ltd against the defendants, John Walter Holmes and Robert William Dodds.

Mr Nigel Burroughs for Mr Dodds; Mr Michael Michell for the plaintiffs.

HIS LORDSHIP said the appeal from a master, which he had heard in chambers, raised a point of some importance, and he was therefore giving judgment in open court.

The point was whether a contract for the sale of land which resulted from an option to purchase had to be registered as an estate contract under the Land Charges Act 1972 to preserve priority, notwithstanding that the grant of the option had already been so registered.

The facts were not in dispute. On October 22, 1986 Mr Holmes, the first defendant, granted an option, to run for five years, to purchase certain land at Fulbrook, in Lincolnshire, the title to which was unregistered. In the event of the option being exercised the price was what the land might reasonably be expected to fetch in the open market, to be determined in case of dispute by a chartered surveyor or by an umpire under the Arbitration Act 1950.

On March 22, 1988 the option was a duly registered, and by a solicitor's letter dated October 13, 1988 the plaintiffs exercised their option.

Mr Holmes declined or neglected to co-operate in fixing the price; instead he contracted to sell part of the option land to trustees of a pension fund, and on December 9, 1988 that contract was completed, the conveyance being expressed to be subject to and with the benefit of the option agreement so far as it was still subsisting and capable of being enforced.

On October 5 1990 the trustees transferred the land, on sale, to Mr Dodds, the second defendant.

On January 28, 1991 the land was registered at the Land Registry in Mr Dodds' name, by way of first registration, it being recorded that the land was conveyed subject to the provisions of the option agreement, but that "neither the original option agreement nor a certified copy or examined extract thereof was produced on first registration".

By a writ dated December 13, 1989, as amended, the plaintiffs claimed against Mr Holmes specific performance in so far as and to the extent that he retained any part of the option land and damages for breach of contract and against Mr Dodds specific performance in so far as and to the extent that the option land was in his ownership.

On a summons under Order 86 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, Deputy Master Moncaster, on September 18, 1992 made the orders sought.

Mr Dodds appealed, relying solely on a point of law, namely that the agreement resulting from the exercise of the option had not been registered as an estate contract, and so was unenforceable against him.

Mr Burroughs observed, correctly, that for an estate contract to prevail against a subsequent purchaser the only thing that mattered was that it should be registered; if not the purchaser took free from it, even if he took with notice and expressly subject to it: see *Midland Bank Trust Co Ltd v Green* ([1981] AC 513).

He went on to argue that an option was an irrevocable offer binding on the grantor but the option holder was under no obligation. It was thus not an estate contract in the normal meaning of that expression.

However, the expression was given an extended meaning under the 1972 Act, to include options as estate contracts, and hence they required to be registered. When an option was exercised a true contract came into existence, the grantor being discharged under the option agreement and assuming the rights and liabilities of a vendor.

That new relationship, it was argued, was registrable, whether or not the option had been registered as an earlier and different estate contract. A passage from *Barnsley's Land Options* (2nd edition (1992) p99) was relied on in support.

Mr Michell argued that the purpose of registering an option was to protect the option holder and others dealing with the land; it was sufficient for that protection that the option should be registrable. He further argued that an option was not sufficiently or exclusively to be defined as an irrevocable offer to enter into a contract, but was a conditional contract.

Mr Burroughs relied on *Mountford v Scott* ([1975] Ch 258) and *Beesly v Hallwood Estates Ltd* ([1960] 1 WLR 549).

Mr Michell referred to *Mulholland's Will Trusts* ([1948] 1 All ER 460) and to *Spiro v Glencrown Properties Ltd* ([1991] Ch 537), in which the question was whether an option to purchase was a contract for the sale of land within section 2 of the Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1989, or whether no contract for sale came into existence until exercise of the option; if the former the Act's requirements were satisfied, if the latter they were not.

Mr Justice Hoffmann in that case had said that "an option is not strictly speaking either an offer or a conditional contract; it does not have all the incidents of the standard form of either of these concepts; to that extent it is a relationship *sui generis*... The question in this case is not whether one analogy is true and the other false, but which is appropriate to be used in the construction of section 2 [of the 1989 Act]."

His Lordship gratefully adopted that reasoning in construing the 1972 Act, whose purpose was to give notice of contracts creating interests in land. The original option created an equitable interest in land and that interest was not altered or superseded by some other and different interest on the exercise of the option, although no doubt the respective rights and obligations of the grantor and the option holder changed.

A later potential purchaser from the grantor was sufficiently warned by registration of the option and did not require further registration of the contract of sale envisaged by the option. The master's decision was correct and the appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Roythorne & Co, Spalding; Rutherford Wallace Mitchell, Nottingham.

Notice cannot keep order alive

Co-Operative Insurance Society Ltd v Hastings Borough Council

Before Mr Justice Vinelott

[Judgment June 16]

Where an authority had secured a compulsory purchase order it must, if it wished to proceed with the purchase, within three years from that date either serve on the owner a notice to treat or proceed to acquire the property by virtue of a general vesting declaration pursuant to section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981.

It could not keep the order alive beyond those three years simply by virtue of having issued the statement of particulars prescribed in and under section 3 of that Act.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division in declaring on a summons by the plaintiff, Co-Operative Insurance Society Ltd, that by including in the notice of confirmation of the Hastings Central Cricket and Recreation Ground Compulsory Purchase Order 1987, served upon the plaintiff on March 9, 1989, a statement of particulars pursuant to section 3 of the Act, there was no exercise by the defendant of its powers under that order compulsorily to acquire land.

Mr Derek Wood, QC and Mr Barry Denyer-Green for the plaintiff; Mr Richard Phillips, QC and Miss Suzanne Ornsby for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that in 1982 the plaintiff had acquired as an investment a lease, for 150 years from June 1959, of a parade of shops and offices which formed part of the perimeter of Hastings Cricket Ground, the inward facing part of the building comprising a stand for spectators.

In December 1987, for the purpose of comprehensively developing land including the whole of the cricket ground, the plaintiff made the compulsory purchase order in question in exercise of powers under section 112(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

After a public enquiry the CPO had been confirmed by the secretary of state in February 1989 and due notice of confirmation, under section 15 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, was sent to the plaintiff on March 9, 1989 on which date the CPO became operative within section 26 of the 1981 Act.

By virtue of section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 "the [defendant's] powers for the compulsory purchase of the land shall not be exercised after the expiration of three years from the date on which the CPO became operative".

The notice of confirmation had contained a section 3 statement.

The question before his Lordship was whether the inclusion of that statement in that notice had constituted an exercise of the defendant's powers for the compulsory purchase of the land within section 4 of the 1965 Act, as the defendant contended, or, as the plaintiff contended, whether it was only a necessary preliminary step before, if it chose to, the authority proceeded to acquire the land via a vesting declaration under section 4 of the 1981 Act: a step which the defendant had never taken by reason of exigencies of finance.

That very question had been decided by Mr Justice Aldous in *Westminster City Council v Quereshi and Another* ([1990] 88 LGR 826) a case in which the three-year period mentioned in section 4 of the 1965 Act had begun to run in July 1985 and the authority claimed to have exercised its powers so as to stop time running on February 1, 1988, by then serving a section 3 statement.

The vesting declarations, pursuant to section 4 of the 1981 Act, were not made until July 1989.

The crux of Mr Justice Aldous's reasoning was:

"I believe that once the... orders had become operative and all conditions had been met which made them effective so that the authority could vest the land in themselves, then the powers of compulsory purchase had been exercised.

"Having exercised such powers, section 4 [of the 1981 Act] entitled them to execute the vesting declarations... the word 'declaration' also suggests to me that the powers of compulsory purchase have been exercised, and that the vesting declarations are documents declaring that the compulsory purchase has taken place and having the effect of formally transferring the title to the land."

His Lordship was not bound by that decision. The modern practice had been expressed by Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice, in *Police Authority for Huddersfield v Watson* ([1947] 1 KB 842, 848) that "a judge of first instance, though he would always follow the decision of another judge of first instance, unless he is convinced the judgment is wrong, would follow it as a matter of judicial comity".

Here, his Lordship was so convinced.

It appeared to him that the section 3 notice did nothing more than warn all those concerned that the defendant council might proceed to complete the authorised purchase by way of vesting declaration; but the notice itself neither bound it to, nor gave those affected by it any rights whatever, and it had remained open to the defendant to proceed, instead, by way of notices to treat.

The plaintiff, on the other hand, not being an owner-occupier, was unable to compel the defendant to acquire its land under the blight provisions contained in sections 149 to 171 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Mr Phillips had craved support from what he had described as "tacit legislation" which appeared to be founded on the theory that the legislature must be presumed to be aware of relevant decisions, including the *Quereshi* case, and having had an opportunity of reversing *Quereshi*, but not done so, might be presumed to have endorsed it.

But Parliament, by ignoring a decision, could not bestow any positive legislative effect on it and to apply the doctrine of "tacit legislation" in that context seemed to attribute to the legislature not only omniscience but also a willingness to act in a quite irrational and arbitrary way.

Solicitors: Mr Michael J. Roche; Nabarro Nathanson.

No intentional homelessness by surrendering interest

Regina v Wandsworth London Borough, Ex parte Oteng

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Roch

[Judgment June 10]

Where a person ceased to occupy property of which she was a joint owner, surrender of her legal interest over two years later did not render her intentionally homeless within the meaning of section 60(1) of the Housing Act 1985.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by the applicant, Ms Regina Phyllis Oteng, from the refusal on August 14, 1992 by Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, sitting as a deputy judge in the Queen's Bench Division, to grant relief on an application for judicial review of a decision letter of the respondents, Wandsworth London Borough, dated May 2, 1991, to the effect that the borough considered the applicant to be intentionally homeless.

Section 60 of the 1985 Act provides: "(1) A person becomes homeless intentionally if he deliberately does or fails to do anything in consequence of which he ceases to occupy accommodation which is available for his occupation and which it would have been reasonable for him to continue to occupy."

Mr Mark Wonnacott for Ms Oteng; Miss Mary Cook for Wandsworth.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the applicant had lived at 20 Sancroft Court, Battersea, with her mother and her two sisters. In May 1988 she had moved out. In August 1990, by which time she had become pregnant, she had applied to the council for accommodation under Part III of the Housing Act 1985.

On October 9, 1990 the council had written advising her that they were not satisfied that she was homeless because she retained an interest in 20 Sancroft Court. They had warned her that if she voluntarily surrendered her legal interest she was likely to be considered as intentionally homeless.

On November 5 the applicant and her two sisters had transferred their interests in the property to their mother. On May 2, 1991 a caseworker in the council's homeless persons unit had written to the applicant to advise that although she was in priority need, having a dependent child, and was homeless, her homelessness was considered to be intentional. The reason for that decision was stated to be her failure to protect her right to occupy 20 Sancroft Court.

Four conditions had to be fulfilled before the council could be satisfied that the applicant was intentionally homeless: (i) she must have deliberately done something or failed to do something; (ii) she must have ceased to occupy as a result of that deliberate act or omission; (iii) the accommodation must have been available for her occupation and (iv) it must have been reasonable for her to continue to occupy.

The deliberate act on which the council had relied was the applicant's transfer of her legal interest. But the judge had found that she had ceased to occupy in May, 1988. Condition (ii) was therefore not satisfied. On that short point she had to succeed.

Section 60 could not be extended so as to cover a situation in which the applicant had ceased to occupy 12 months or more before the deliberate act on which the council had relied.

His Lordship would allow the appeal and remit the decision to the council for reconsideration.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Roch agreed.

Solicitors: Mildred & Beaumont, Battersea; Mr Martin Walker, Wandsworth.

Cross-undertaking not required from SIB

Securities and Investments Board v LLoyd-Wright and Another

Before Mr Justice Morritt

[Judgment May 11]

The Securities and Investment Board, in seeking a remedy provided by the secretary of state for the benefit of the public at large or those who had suffered from the infringement of the Financial Services Act 1986, was not obliged to give a cross-undertaking in damages in respect of a *Mareva* [asset freezing] injunction granted in its favour to support claims for restitution and compensation against defendants alleged to have infringed the 1986 Act.

Mr Justice Morritt so held in the Chancery Division on a motion by the SIB against two defendants, Mr Ian Francis Lloyd-Wright and L. W. Investment Corporation, when it was agreed between the parties that injunctive relief should be granted pending evidence being put in by the defendants and a further *inter partes* hearing on or after June 8.

Mr Christopher Pymont for the plaintiff; Mr Mark Pelling for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE MORRITT said that the SIB sought to restrain the defendants under section 3 of the 1986 Act from carrying on unauthorised investment business in the United Kingdom, under section 47 from making statements or forecasts which were misleading and under section 56 from making unsolicited calls on persons within the United Kingdom.

The sections were enforceable by injunctions pursuant to sections 6 and 61 which entitled the secretary of state to apply for an injunction and those powers had been delegated by him to the SIB.

Mr Pelling accepted that with regard to those three injunctions the SIB had a statutory law enforcement function and, consistent with *Hoffmann-La Roche & Co AG v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry* ([1975] AC 295) and *Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council v Wickes Building Supplies Ltd* (*The Times* June 29, 1992; [1992] 3 WLR 170) there should not be a cross-undertaking for damages.

But he claimed that a further worldwide *Mareva* injunction against the defendants was draconian in its nature and was not strictly law enforcement within Lord Devlin's definition in the *Hoffmann-La Roche* case quoted by Lord Goff of Chieveley in the *Kirklees* case (at p180F).

His Lordship said that sections 6 and 61 conferred, in addition to the ability to apply for an injunction, the jurisdiction to make monetary judgments either to provide restitution for those who suffered losses or to obtain from the persons who infringed the sections the profits wrongfully made.

In each case, therefore, the remedy was one provided by statute to the secretary of state for the benefit of the public at large or those who had suffered from infringement of the Act.

In each case they were as much law enforcement as the grant of an interlocutory injunction.

The fact that a worldwide *Mareva* injunction was a draconian remedy did not prevent the grant of it being law enforcement, but merely reflected the fact that the activities of the defendants might be worldwide.

The provisions of section 130(5) of the Act did not prevent the court from requiring a cross-undertaking in damages. Rather, it seemed to be a clear pointer in the exercise of the court's discretion to indicate that no such cross-undertaking should be required where the designated agency was seeking to discharge functions exercisable pursuant to a delegation under the Act.

That was a matter which, in the exercise of his Lordship's discretion, was to be taken into account in concluding that no cross-undertaking should be required.

Solicitors: Stephenson Harwood; Fox & Gibbons.

Correction

In *Vitol SA v Norelf Ltd* (*The Times* May 20) Mr Justice Phillips was dismissing the appeal of Vitol SA against the decision of the arbitrator, Mr Iain Milligan, QC, in favour of Norelf Ltd.

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£20,000 +

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Salary: By negotiation
Location - Brighton

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Rec Cons
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Excellent salary + bonus
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Initiative and flexibility in working under pressure are required to assist the Director and his team, who travel extensively, in general secretarial work and preparing statistical analyses and sales presentations. Business French would be a definite plus for the department's external contacts. Knowledge of WP, spreadsheets and graphics are essential; shorthand is desirable.

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£18,694 - £21,115 p.a. (including London weighting)

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We are looking for a PA to support our Director, based in Central London.

Applicants must have an ability to organise a varied work load, act on their own initiative and work under pressure. Good secretarial and wordprocessing skills and an ability to deal with a wide range of people and enquiries are essential attributes.

For further details and an application form, please contact The NFHA, 175 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8UP. Tel: 071 837 1281 (24 hours). NO CVs. Closing date: Wednesday 14th July 1993. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 28th July 1993.

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The salary is net of UK income tax, with attractive benefits including 6 weeks annual leave.

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INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUND
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The director of an international investment bank in the City of London needs your excellent skills on WFW and Excel: lots of presentation work - updates of client lists - communication with Latin America and USA.
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MEDICAL Secretary - part time 3 mornings weekly. Private general practice Notting Hill area. Predominantly typing reports. Please fax abbreviated CV (1 page maximum) to 071 254 0695 including out of hours contact telephone number.

PART TIME VACANCIES

MEDICAL Secretary /Receptionist required for a busy single handed practice in SW7. Good telephone manner, admin personality, computer literacy, good typing skills. Initially 22 hrs. per week. Tel: Miss Doyle 071 581 3040.

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GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on the new Tate in St Ives, Cornwall, opened today by the Prince of Wales

Welcome to the best view in the west

STEPHEN MARKESON

Intense local interest: 18-year-old Abigail Davison, of St Ives, examines Barbara Hepworth's sculpture, *Rockface*

Sharing in the glory: One of the project's architects, David Shalev, leans on a balcony at the new gallery

Perched on a sheer cliff wall, the new £3.3 million gallery will make a spectacular home for the work of the St Ives school

Until now, the prodigious amount of art produced in St Ives has been almost invisible to the town's visitors. True, Barbara Hepworth is celebrated in her superbly preserved home and sculpture garden. But to find the work of Ben Nicholson, Alfred Wallis, Peter Lanyon or any of the other artists who made St Ives such a powerhouse of modern British art, a trip to the Tate in London was necessary. And even then, the chronic space shortage at Millbank ensured that nobody could feel certain that the St Ives school had not been temporarily confined to the basement.

This shameful state of affairs has been rectified at last. The new £3.3 million Tate Gallery St Ives, formally unveiled by the Prince of Wales today, opens its doors to the public on Saturday. Many of the paintings and sculptures created in this extraordinary Cornish centre have made the return journey from London, to be housed in a purpose-built showcase on the most delectable and dramatic site imaginable. Perched on a sheer cliff wall, the building commands spectacular views of the expansive Porthmeor Beach.

The architects, Eldred Evans and David Shalev, began with a huge advantage. But they also ran the danger of coming up with an anticlimax, a structure which failed to fulfil the grand expectations aroused by the location. In the event Tate Gallery St Ives meets the challenge with aplomb. While the beach curves in towards the place where the building now stands, Evans and Shalev's facade curves out to greet us with an irresistible welcome.

Far too many museums are bunker-like buildings, determined to depress the visitors' spirits and shut out all nourishing contact with the world beyond. But this white, triple-tiered structure is hugely inviting. And its outward-looking mood is reinforced the moment we walk up the steps from beach level.

Instead of finding ourselves enclosed by a forbidding interior, we enter a circular arena wide open at the front to the sea. People can easily congregate here, and lounge on the stone seating ranged around it as in an amphitheatre. Performances, events and sculpture displays will doubtless be held here by the gallery. But the rest of the time, it can easily serve as a meeting place, or even a momentary shelter from the wind and rain.

The enfolding walls soon encourage you to go inside the building. Immediately after the small white pay-desk room, Evans and Shalev spring their first great surprise. In an otherwise empty chamber, saturated with a strange violet light, Patrick Heron's colossal glass window stages an ambush on the left wall. Over 16ft high, this exuberant colour-burst hits the retina like a shaft of Mediterranean sun.

By using a new lamination technique, Heron dispenses with traditional leading and achieves an all-over intensity with pink, yellow and green dancing on a luminous blue ground. He is at his decorative best here, paying flamboyant homage to Matisse's late painted paper cut-outs. Evans and Shalev provide him with an ideal foil, restricting themselves to a purged simplicity on the rough-textured walls and plain stone floor.

Restraint prevails in the next room, where a solitary Hepworth carving in polished Connemara marble is lit by a large plain glass window on the left. Above, three circular windows repeat the curving form of the facade. They look like portholes, and suggest that the entire building is really an Art Deco ocean liner waiting to be pushed down a slipway and launched on the Atlantic waves. Evans and Shalev certainly seem to be in love with modernist architecture of the inter-war years. Their gallery is riddled with forms reminiscent of Lubetkin's Penguin Pool at London Zoo, Odeon cinemas and the streamlined seaside pavilion at Bexhill in Sussex.

But the unexpectedly narrow staircase leading up to the exhibition rooms introduces another source of inspiration: Charles Rennie Mackintosh, whose elongated ladder structures must have inspired the pale wood bannisters. Once again, the purity of the building's bleached surfaces is contrasted with a work commissioned from a painter. Terry Frost's tall banner filled with whirling sun discs runs up through the stairwell, but it looks clumsy compared with the Heron window below.

At the top of the stairs, behind the information desk, another window provides a seductive prospect of the sand and sky beyond. It makes you appreciate how alive Evans and Shalev are to their location, how their adroit interweaving of narrow spaces and sudden, show-stopping views chimes with the character of St Ives itself. A steep double staircase leads up to the restaurant on roof level, where the entire bay unfolds from a wide outdoor vantage point. But if you choose to enter the first picture gallery on the floor below instead, a low-ceilinged room establishes an intimate space for the earliest St Ives paintings.

They transport us to the late 1920s, when Ben Nicholson and his friend Christopher Wood discovered the retired seaman Alfred Wallis on a day trip to the town. Captivated by the freshness of his untutored painting, on scraps of cardboard or even a pair of bellows, they acquired some examples and showed them to friends. Wallis's images of the harbour and sailing ships seemed childish to many, but Nicholson and Wood cherished his originality. They tried to arrive at a similar directness and simplicity in their own work — an ambition shared by Bernard Leach when he returned from Japan and set up a pottery in St Ives. Although the Tate does not collect ceramics, a range of work by Leach and his friends fills an immense glass case in the next space. Their limpid, oriental subtlety amounted to a revolution in English pottery, but our intention is wrenched away from them by the most resplendent part of the gallery's interior: a curved concourse wrapped around the frontage, where sculpture by Naum Gabo, Hepworth and Denis Mitchell is displayed on a handsome terrace.

Visitors can either look down at them from the viewing balcony or descend to the concourse level. But the problem is that the glass walls give onto a stunning panorama of the beach and water outside. Nature provides heady competition for art, and threatens to ruin our concentration on the gleaming bronzes and stone carvings within.

Because these views are so compelling, the gallery will probably become very popular. After a while, though, Evans and Shalev's ability to provide such beguiling spaces threatens to overwhelm the exhibits. We linger so long by the circular windows, waylaid by the generous space and seating, that the story of the St Ives school is broken. Finding our way back to the galleries proves surprisingly complicated. And some of the pictures look muted after the breathtaking views.

A roomful of quiet, gentle Hepworth studies of surgical operations leads on to a more ebullient gallery where Alan Davie, Heron and Nicholson stand out. The 1950s was the most confident decade for St Ives painting, and all three men reached their peak then. Heron is at his most tropical and sensuous in the broken brushwork of *Azalea Garden*, while Davie's *Image of the Fish God* is a splendidly powerful canvas. As for Nicholson, he had by then fortified the spare geometry of his pre-war abstractions with a more robust feeling for the world outside the studio.

The most impressive of the St Ives painters, Nicholson, is under-represented here. All too soon, we reach the final room where Lanyon and Roger Hilton represent the last, flaring brilliance of a school which failed to survive their deaths. Karl Weschke's *Body on a Beach*, painted in 1977 after he had been saved from drowning, sounds an elegiac note. The body looks more like a corpse, and most of the colour has been drained from the surrounding landscape. The result resembles a lament for the passing of the town's artistic vitality, but at least St Ives can now celebrate its vanished golden age in style.

● *Tate Gallery St Ives (0736-796226) is open to the public from Saturday. Opening times are: Sun 1pm-7pm; Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 11am-7pm; Tues, Thurs 11am-9pm*

ARTS BRIEFING

Full of artistic uplift

ITALIAN men revere their mothers, as we know. So perhaps Sigmund Freud would have had something pertinent to say about the new exhibition that the Italian avant-garde fashion designer Samuele Mazza has devised for the Accademia Italiana in London. "Hurrah for the Bra!" assembles 200 items to "celebrate the brassière as an art form".

The exhibits range from such designer items as the "Bra-Saurus" (two prehistoric beasts marauding over two green mounds) to the (presumably more conventional) brassière designed by Franco Zeffirelli for Maria Callas to wear when she sang Aida at La Scala, Milan, in 1963. The show at the Accademia opens on July 2.

I.K. Brunel: Now his life is a musical

Man of note

YOU have walked across the Clifton Suspension Bridge. You have seen the SS Great Britain. You have travelled on the Paddington railway line. Now hear the musical. Called *Isambard Kingdom Brunel*, this "epic tale of passion, wild ambition and insanity" has been written by two former Bristol University students, Will Todd and Ben Dunwell, and will be premiered in a semi-staged concert performance at the Colston Hall in Bristol on July 18. The date is deemed apposite by Brunel-watchers: it is the eve of the 150th anniversary of the SS Great Britain's launch, from Bristol docks.

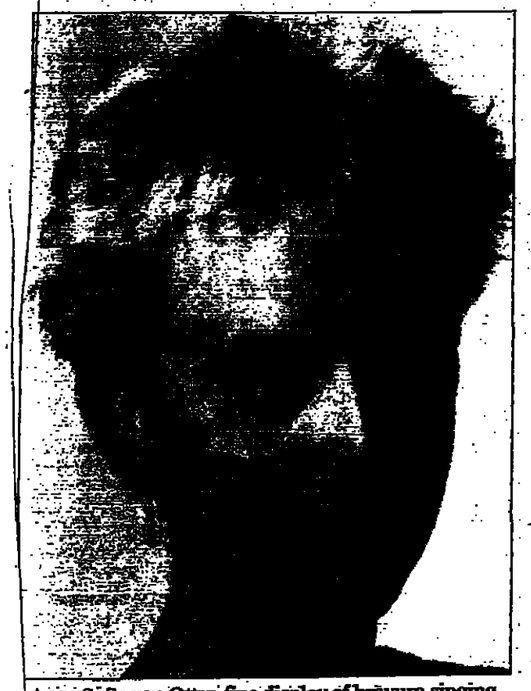
Last chance . . .

SRI Lankan-born Beverley Craven was voted Best British Newcomer at the 1992 Brit Awards, but she has not rushed to issue a follow-up to her big-selling, self-titled album of 1990. She is a wholesome performer with a particular appeal to young women, so perhaps it is apt that half the dates on this, her second stop-gap tour, are being promoted by Tampax (tickets in return for vouchers on the packets). There are, however, two remaining shows open to the general, non-Tampax buying public at Hammersmith Apollo (081-741 4868) on Friday and St David's Hall, Cardiff (0222 371236) on Sunday. A new album is scheduled for release in September.

Beverley Craven: In no hurry to record

GLYNDEBOURNE IN LONDON: Berlioz's opera *Béatrice et Bénédict* at the Festival Hall

Young stars struggle to redeem a Wells farrago



Anne Sofie von Otter: fine display of bravura singing

Glyndebourne has had many a spirited evening in concert performance at the Albert Hall Proms once the summer festival was over. The sterner and chillier atmosphere of the Festival Hall, chosen temporary lodgings while the new theatre goes up in Sussex, suits the company less well. Such is the evidence of *Béatrice et Bénédict*, Glyndebourne's first shot at Berlioz's last opera, which he culled from *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Opening cold probably did not help. Neither did the decision to play the opera in French (mainly incomprehensible, with the notable exception of Jerry Hadley's Bénédict), while John Wells essayed a coy mixture of joky lecturette and narration in English. As a surtitle in a claret smoking-jacket, Wells did not cut much of a figure. After one bad fluff he questioned the wisdom of employing a comic for a comic opera. *Opéra comique* would have been closer to the mark: in *Béatrice* the spoken dialogue is crucial.

Béatrice et Bénédict needs either singers who can handle spoken dialogue or who are prepared to hand over the words to actors when the music stops. Ann Murray and Philip Langridge fulfilled the double function marvellously at the Buxton Festival some ten years ago and benefited from the directorial hand of the late Ronald Eyre, who had had plenty of experience with the RSC. A "concert staging" at the Festival Hall, with Ann Murray again and players from the National Theatre, worked rather less well.

Béatrice without the verbal cut and thrust can sound thin and the vocal numbers tend to freeze the action rather than propel it forward.

At half-time someone may have told Wells to cut the feeble jokes and *Anyone for Denis?* voices and get on with the plot instead, which he duly did. A starry and youthful cast, even shorn of words, began to show its worth. Anne Sofie von Otter in Béatrice's aria "Je l'aime donc?", long even by Berliozian standards, turned on a display of bravura singing. This aria, sparky and languorous by turns, goes to the core of Béatrice's feelings. "A spirited lady," Don Pedro remarks. A loving one, more like. And thoroughly independent, as Bénédict will surely find out the moment the wedding vows have left his lips.

The best moment for the more starry-eyed hero — and surely the best number in the score — comes at the close of Act I in the nocturne with her companion Ursule. Dawn Upshaw's soprano, soft and delicately shaded, wrapped itself around Jean Rigby's fuller mezzo tones. This is Berlioz savouring southern warmth and breathing in the Sicilian air. In *Béatrice*, as in *Les Troyens*, Berlioz was incomparable at conjuring up a Mediterranean night.

Jerry Hadley proved what an accomplished Berlioz singer he is in Covent Garden's *Damnation de Faust* earlier in the year. He showed it again in the Act I rondo, but Bénédict gets nothing like the musical exposure of Béatrice. His consolation is that the other males fare even worse. Claudio is scarcely worth the consideration of a baritone of Gilles Cachemaille's class. And Glyndebourne compounded the feminist line by placing poor Richard Van Allan's Somarone (Berlioz's substitute for Dogberry) with the chorus at the back. The latter distinguished itself, especially the ladies in the epithalamium.

Andrew Davis conducted the London Philharmonic Orchestra with Berliozian vigour, but a lighter and more mocking touch would have helped, too. This was a *Béatrice* carrying a cast in search of a theatre and a production.

Another narration (by Tom Stoppard) and narrator (Dirk Bogarde) are promised for Glyndebourne's concert performances of Lehár's *The Merry Widow* next month. The diction assuredly will be better, and probably the jokes too. But part of the great Glyndebourne tradition has been for the music to speak for itself. Prima la musica.

JOHN HIGGINS

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

PRESENT LAUGHTER: Tom Conti directs and plays Garry Essendine, Noël Coward's virtual self-portrait. Conti also directs. Opening night.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Tonight, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

THE WINTER'S TALE: Adrian Noble's production opened to mixed reviews at Stratford last year. With John Nettles and Richard McCabe. Opening night.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm. Ⓢ

BOURNEMOUTH SINFONIETTA: *Tamás Vásáry performs Mendelssohn's* Piano Concerto No 1 and conducts the Sinfonietta in Pärt's *Tabula Rasa* and Schumann's Symphony No 1.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

HANOI WATER PUPPETS: The Greenwich Festival and Lift presents the British debut of this Vietnamese company. Their performance art, *practised by the villagers of the Red* River Delta, involves the underwater manipulation of carved figures, accompanied by traditional music, song and fireworks. (See feature, right.)
National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, SE10 (081-858 4422).
Tonight-Sun, 9pm, extra perf Fri, 6.30pm, mats Sat, Sun, 2pm.

HIGH LIFE AND LOW ART: *The* Studio, the most influential of all British art magazines, was first published in 1893. This show celebrates the centenary with an extraordinary *collection of 1890s art and design drawn* from the V&A's own collections, including Beardsley drawings and Beerbohm caricatures, and original designs by such key figures as Burne-*Jones, Morris, Ashbee and Voysey.*
Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-589 6371). Mon, midday-6pm, Tues-Sun, 10am-5.50pm, opens today and runs until Oct 31. Ⓢ

REAL TIME: The four American artists in this show present some rather unlikely things as art. Rirkrit Tiravanija prepares food. Andrea Zittel makes basic household objects for visitors to try out. *Lincoln Tobier sets up a fantasy local* radio station. Gabriel Orozco makes "spontaneous, secret artworks in London supermarkets" by re-arranging the goods on sale.
ICA, The Mall, SW1 (071-930 3647). Daily, midday-7.30pm (Tues to 9pm), until July 18.

INNER CIRCLE: The long-established Jamaican reggae band follow the *success of their recent "Sweat" hit with* a one-off gig.
Subterania, 12 Acklam Road, W10 (081-960 4590), 8pm. Ⓢ

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GLASGOW: Though usually *overshadowed by his great* contemporary, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, **George Walton** (1867-1933) was a considerable figure in his *own right*, both as an architect and, even more, as a designer of interiors, furniture and fabrics. This first extensive show of his work includes an ample selection of his designs.
Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove (041-357 3929). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 11am-5pm, until Sept 19. Ⓢ

LLANDAFF: The **London Festival Orchestra** performs Purcell's *Chacony*, Grieg's *Holberg Suite*, Albinoni's Oboe Concerto (with Malcolm Messiter as the soloist) and Vivaldi's *Gloria*.
Llandaff Cathedral (bookings: 0222 *371236), 7.30pm.*

MANCHESTER: The Contact stages the world premiere of **The Carver Chair** by Tyrone Huggins: three stylistically different acts, with the chair featuring in each, trace a family's history from St Kitts in the 1930s to Britain today.
Contact, Oxford Road (061-274 4400). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Ⓢ

SHEFFIELD: *Where better to stage* **The Crucible** than here? John McArdle and Deborah Findlay play two of the accused. Robert Delamere directs.
Crucible, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats today, 2.30pm, and July 3, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Jane Lapotaire and Simon Russell Beale in Katie Mitchell's intensely moving revival of **Ghosts**.
The Other Place (0789 295623). Tonight, Sat, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 1.30pm. Ⓢ

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
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□ **ALI**: Impressive performance by Geoffrey C. Ewing as Muhammad Ali.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 135mins Ⓢ

■ **ARCADIA**: Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). *Tonight, tomorrow,* 7.30pm, mat today, 2.30pm. 180mins Ⓢ

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats *Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.*

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. Ⓢ

◪ **A DAY IN THE DEATH OF JOE EGG**: Peter Nichols successfully updates his ground-breaking first play. *With Clive Owen and Elizabeth Garvie.*
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. 135mins Ⓢ

◪ **THE DEARLY BELOVED**: Philip Osment's subtle and compassionate look at the tensions raging below the surface in a small West Country town.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins. Ⓢ

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, *mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.*

◪ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: A breathtaking adaptation when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 *1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat,* 3pm. 150mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and *touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot* Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). *Mon-Sat, 7.45pm,* mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins Ⓢ

□ **LEONARDO**: The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical: great sets but daft story.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

□ **LYSISTRATA**: Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport rampant, rubber phalluses.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 90mins. Ⓢ

□ **MACBETH**: An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mats tomorrow, Sat, 2pm. 140mins. Ⓢ

◪ **ROMEO AND JULIET**: So-so performance in Judi Dench's production. Decent crowd scenes.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm, mat today, tomorrow, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

□ **THE SHOWMAN**: Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not mount to much: final week.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins. Ⓢ

◪ **TRANSLATIONS**: Clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the *uses of language.*
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ *Buddy*: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse Ⓢ (071-839 4401) ◪ ***Joseph and the Amazing* Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss of the Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: *Palace* (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... □ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: *Her Majesty's (071-494* 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information from SWET.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BORN YESTERDAY**: Needless update of George Cukor's 1950 film from *Garson Kanin's Pygmalion play*, redeemed by John Goodman.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574).

◆ **BOXING HELENA**: Jennifer (daughter of David) Lynch's daft Grand Guignol, with Julian Sands madly amputating his lover's limbs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

◆ **FIRE IN THE SKY**: Dim, thin "true-story" anecdote with D.B. Sweeney as an Arizona lumberjack snatched by extra-terrestrials.
MGM Fulham Road Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

◆ **MATINEE**: Joe Dante's chaotic but endearing send-up of 1960s horror pictures, with John Goodman as a schlock producer.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310).

◆ **SAVAGE NIGHTS**: A frenzied love story and an HIV-positive hero, based on the film's deceased writer-director-star, Cyril Collard.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Gate** Ⓢ *(071-727 4043)* **Metro** *(071-437 0757)* **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

THE TRIAL: Harold Pinter's adaptation, directed by David Jones, fails to solve the problems of making Kafka cinematic.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233).

CURRENT

◆ **ARMY OF DARKNESS** (15): *Evil* Dead hero Bruce Campbell fights medieval England's undead. Exuberant horror parody from director Sam Raimi.
MGM Chelsea *(071-352 5096)* **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

LEOLO *(18): Demanding,* audacious, exciting journey through a Montreal family's madness and dreams. Writer-director, Jean-Claude Lauzon.
Metro (071-437 0757).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) **Gate** Ⓢ (071-727 4043).

SOFIE (15): The spent life of a Jewish woman in late 19th century Denmark. Liv Ullmann's skilful, humane directorial debut; marvellously acted.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

UNTAMED HEART (15): Greatly endearing, off-beat romance. Tony Bill directs, with Rosie Perez.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) ***MGM Oxford Street*** *(071-636 0310)* **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

THEATRE: Will the visit of the Vietnamese Water Puppets reopen old wounds?

Not wanting to make waves

Secret underwater techniques operate the Vietnamese Water Puppets

Bursting through the surface of an artificial lake, a multico-*loured dragon spits fireworks* from its mouth and lashes the waves with its glittering tail. A wooden maiden, no more than two feet tall but dressed in silk, dances seductively on *the water as little musicians in a boat* play cheerful folk tunes.

It sounds innocuous, but when the **Vietnamese Water Puppets** make their first appearance in Britain today, *in the grounds of the* National Maritime Museum at Greenwich in south-east London, meticulous precautions will have been taken to ensure there are no clashes with local Vietnamese. To many of the refugees now living in Greenwich and other parts of Britain, this well-meaning theatrical troupe from Hanoi is part of the regime they risked their lives to escape.

Adding to the diplomatic minefield, on an adjacent lawn on Saturday and Sunday, 200 children, including many *Vietnamese, from nine Greenwich* schools will show some puppets of their own. *Sang Song* (River Crossing) is a spectacular pageant, with singing and dancing, that enacts the journey of Vietnam's mythical beasts: the Dragon, the Unicorn, the Phoenix and the Golden Turtle, from the Mekong to the *Thames. Supervised by Greenwich's* Emergency Exit Arts, preparations have been under way for six months.

The concurrence of the two events, as part of the London International Festival of Theatre, is intended to give London's Vietnamese community pride in their identity through a lavish celebration of their culture. But what is that identity? With nearly half of the community coming from the south, old wounds could well be re-opened. When the Water Puppets company visited Australia six years ago, they were greeted by the local Vietnamese with violent demonstrations, stonings and *death threats.*

Ly Gion Vong of Greenwich's Vietnam Refugee Project is confident that feelings no longer run so high. "If they came a few years ago there might have been trouble," he says. "But now, while a lot of people stand up and say anti-communist things, they've actually *been back to Vietnam, not just on a* holiday, but to do business."

It is not as if the water puppet company is a front for propaganda. Apart from the occasional reference to nasty emperors from across the southern mountains — "Savages! How dare you invade our soil?" — this is a *harmless and unique entertainment.* Scenes from village life are its subject rather than complete stories: children swimming, farmers ploughing a rice paddy, water buffalo fighting, and so on.

It is also one of the world's oldest living theatre traditions. There are eye-witness accounts of water puppets getting up to the same antics for the *amusement of the emperor* in 7th-century China. But once royal patronage was withdrawn these puppets declined and eventually disappeared, surviving, for some mysterious reason, only in the Red River Delta area of North Vietnam, and even there confined to only a few villages. Part of a *peasant tradition, the puppets may not* be the most intricately carved in the world, but their movements are impressively life-like, especially since the machinery is concealed, underwater.

A great deal of mystique surrounds the operation of these puppets. Formerly, performances were in the hands of a few families, but now the government-supported Hanoi troupe has brought a professional gloss to the work. However, the techniques are so secret that the members of this company have all had a sign a contract *not to reveal how it is* done. And only recently have women been allowed to take part because it was feared that if they married they would take the secrets with them to another family.

What can be revealed is that the puppets are mounted on light wooden floats to give them balance in the water, and they are manipulated by long bamboo rods and strings. To enhance the realism of each scene, the puppeteers remain out of sight, standing waist deep in water behind a bamboo screen. Most of the figures can be operated by one person, though the more complex pieces require up to eight puppeteers. For all its sophistication, the technology is based on traditional farming machinery and fishing equipment such as underwater traps that use an arrangement of lines, rods, levers and pulleys. But the rest remains a mystery and I haven't yet found anyone who is prepared to say how fireworks can be made to burn under the water.

Inevitably the professionalisation of the water puppets has accelerated change, but then all forms of folk theatre are open to that. Ngo Quynh Giao, who directs the Hanoi troupe, was 30 when he decided that he wanted to learn the techniques. "I went to a village and lived with the villagers and performers for about a year," he recalls. "That was in 1960. It takes a while to convince them to trust you with their secrets. I already knew some rod puppet techniques so there were things I could help them with. I told them how to improve the techniques of the storytelling. I also helped them to improve the carving of the puppets, the lighting and the general presentation."

Some of the troupe have since trained with eastern European puppet companies and their tours abroad have given them yet more ideas about presentation. What they have ended up with is a folk tradition slightly doctored to suit what they think is western taste. Yet, on the strength of a performance I saw in France recently, the puppets still possess a compelling charm. And the inclusion of a reconstructed water temple gives an impressive scale to the performance.

But what will the young Vietnamese of Greenwich make of it all? Most of them know little about their cultural roots and are not inclined to ask. "The children want to see themselves as British," says Ly Gion Vong. "And so they lose their culture altogether. Their friends make jokes about their funny *names, so they* change to David or Jennifer or something. The children feel ashamed when their parents come to the school because they look lost and don't speak English. And because of that, the parents don't like to go into the school anyway because they're not confident. Then communication in the family starts to break down.

"People always associate Vietnam with war, with boat people and refugees. But now they can see there is something else. What I hope the Water Puppets visit will give young Vietnamese people is pride in their culture and heritage."

KENNETH RE[illegible]

● *National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, SE10, tonight to Sunday: also Highbury Fields, N5, June 30-July 4. (Information: 071-413 1459).* Sang Song *is at the National Maritime Museum this Saturday and Sunday at 3.30pm.*

Unlikely bedfellows?

Yerma
Tricycle, Kilburn

LORCA's *language was never easy.* His dramatic dialogue moves into intriguingly elliptical poetry and elusive symbolism. *Yerma* in Punjabi, though, makes a lot of sense — *culturally speaking, that is.* Not only does the Spaniard share a host of images — the moon, fire, horses — with *Punjabi drama;* but also, and more important, the yearning for a child, particularly a son, which obsesses Yerma, is one intrinsic to Punjabi women. Lorca is extremely popular in *India, though Yerma has never before* received a large-scale production, perhaps because Yerma kills her husband.

Neelam Man Singh Chowdhry's production combines the colonial legacy of Stanislavskian theatre with the revitalisation of folk forms and a *methodology developed in the Eighties* that tuned into the instinctive body language of Indian actors. The result is a hybrid of naturalism and stylisation: emotionally founded speeches accompanied by, say, choreographed hand movements.

The first half does drag, with long, *physically static stretches; too much* playful pillow-fighting and girlie giggling to establish female bonding; and a crude panto staging of the exquisite washer-women scene. True, the latter has its comedy, but whatever happened to the women's folksong of love and the pastoral tranquillity of the stream? *Here* it is all slapstick, cat-fights and a hooting crowd.

All the same, the score, by B.V. Karanth, of urgent drums, bells and ululating voices, is superb, and the live musicians and singers have wonderful comic charm when they join in the crowd scenes in their tufty red turbans. *The lighting is patchy, but* breathtaking use is made of fire. At one point, a blazing rope stretches across stage, under which Yerma weeps on a heap of dry leaves as if she wishes it would become a *burning pyre*. Ramanjit (Yerma) and Kuldeep Sharma (Jeevan, her husband) portray domestic strife with arresting vehemence. Ramanjit has a beautiful, extraordinarily expressive face that catches you off guard, transmuting from her early optimistic innocence to a frightening image of dangerous, obsessive grief. Jeeva is played with equal emotional drive, though perhaps he should be more of a cold fish. I could have done without the *naqqals* — the traditional female impersonators — who look awkward holding props, dance with no special brilliance and look suspiciously like men in drag.

Still, the idea of cross-castings intriguing. The childless wife is, after all, called a "mannish" creature and Jeevan's virility is questionable. I wished the idea had not been left half-baked. An all-male *Yerma* would certainly be provocative, probably illuminating.

KATE BASSETT

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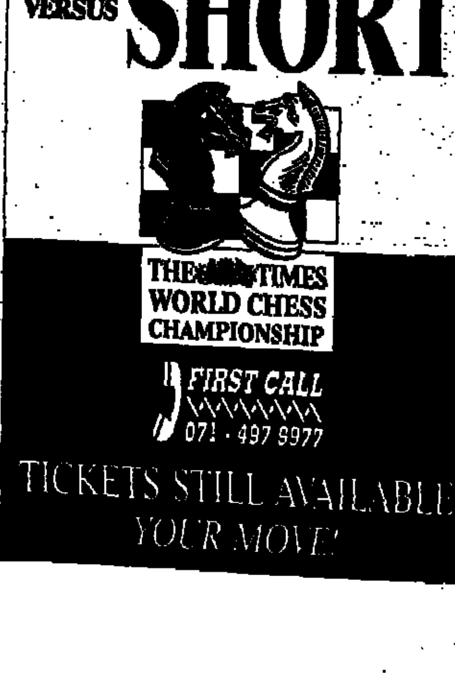

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OPERA: summer in St Louis; baroque rediscoveries in Paris and Versailles; student Britten in Manchester

Melodies flow by the Mississippi

Rodney Milnes on the summer season at the Opera Theatre of St Louis, 'an oasis of sanity in the rackety US operatic scene'

The kneejerk reaction to the Opera Theatre of St Louis's four-week summer seasons is that they are America's answer to Glyndebourne, which is a little too jerky a comparison. The sylvan setting of the Loretto-Hilton Center on the campus of Webster University is both more urban and more intimate: garden- rather than park-sized lawns slope down to the theatre entrance; fountains gurgle, fireflies dance and mockingbirds sing; marquees cater for much pre- and post-performance jollification. It is a very nice place to be.

Rehearsal is certainly of Glyndebournian intensity, but there similarities end. All performances are sung in English (anyone mentioning the word "surtitles" here would probably be tarred, feathered and run out of town). The 950-seat, thrust-stage auditorium, after the manner of the Chichester Festival Theatre, is extremely diction-friendly, and the most striking impression to a first-time visitor is of serious, committed and appreciative audiences hanging on every word and every note.

In an American context it was indeed refreshing to hear people laughing at the jokes in *Don Giovanni* (Da Ponte's jokes, via Andrew Porter's translation) instead of reading them and, given the shape of the theatre, when Billy Budd sang "Captain Vere, save me" he seemed to be addressing every single member of the audience as well as the tenor-Pilate. Everyone was right inside the performance, and the uncountable seconds of silence at the end before anyone dared applaud indicated that this evermore scary masterpiece had struck deep into the collective consciousness. Simply at the level of communication, OTSL is an oasis of sanity in the rather rackety American operatic scene.

After 18 years of existence, programmes have settled into a satisfying pattern: one work from the standard repertory (*Giovanni*), one contemporary or new piece (this year the premiere of David Carlson's *The Midnight Angel*), and two from the fringe (*Budd* and Massenet's *Cendrillon*). The one problem is the pit, perforce sunk deep under the front of the thrust: the orchestra doesn't always "speak" immediately. At first I wondered how the St Louis Symphony Orchestra had won its reputation as one of the best in the country, but in *Cendrillon* they at last met a really good conductor in Carol J. Crawford, who galvanised them into playing like angels. Conductors really are where performances start and end.

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The main point of interest in *Budd* was that it was being performed in its original four-act version for the first time since Britten revised it into two after the initial series in 1951. Apparently the composer was stung by one critic's citation of *H.M.S. Pinafore* with reference to the Captain's muster at the end of the original first act, and cut it. It is an effective piece of writing, and brings the act to a rousing conclusion. It doesn't say anything musically that isn't said elsewhere, but it does end with Budd's words "I'll die for you, Starry Vere", which add a touch of blackest irony — indeed he will. Case not proven, then, and I hope the Britten Estate will allow companies to make their own choice in future.

Budd was produced by Colin Graham, OTSL's artistic director and one of the composer's last stage collaborators. One might have reservations over detail (a little too much "creative acting") but none over the staging's cumulative power: the final moments were gut-wrenching. Steven Combs sang the title role extremely beautifully, and the mellifluous Peter Kazaras was an ideally detached Vere. Jeffrey Wells (Claggart) sadly concentrated on volume at the expense of musical line: the poisonous lyricism and baleful power were missing, as they were in significant degree from Robert Spano's briskly efficient conducting. Arthur Woodley's Dansker and Dennis Wellman's Red Whiskers were exceptionally accomplished.

Deathly embrace: Christine Abraham and Elaine Bonazzi in David Carlson's *The Midnight Angel*

Graham also produced *Cendrillon* with insight and wisdom. It's a tricky piece to get right, and he caught precisely the right balance between charm, wit and the gentle melancholy festering at its heart. He was aided not only by Crawford in the pit, drawing out the long-breathed melodies with rare understanding, but by some excellent singers: OTSL has a deserved reputation for catching stars on their way up. Brenda Harris twittered accurately and sweetly above the stave as the Fairy, Mary Ann McCormick was a splendidly robust mezzo Prince, and David Evitts a touching Pandolphe. Everyone loved Josepha Gayer's outrageous Stepmother, and I would have loved Susan Rosenbaum's Cinderella even more had she added more words to her beautiful sounds.

Giovanni was a disappointment, dimly conducted (Stephen Lord) and produced (Giles Havergal). Giovanni was not taken down to hell; instead, after the manner of *The Rake's Progress*, he went mad and joined a chaingang of stage loonies who had earlier made irritating incursions into the action. Doubtless seminars were held in local institutions for the mentally ill to discuss the PC quotient of this highly questionable notion. The singers saved the day: a superb Donna Anna from Christine Brewer, a mettlesome Elvira from Patricia Racette, and a smoothly sung but charmless Giovanni from Christopher Robertson. I wish the natural comic gifts of Thomas Barrett (Leporello) had been better used.

The Midnight Angel was, I fear, a failure. Based on a tiresomely fey short story by Peter S. Beagle, who also wrote the libretto, it tells of a grand society hostess who invites Death to a ball. Death is female; there are no other surprises. The overall treatment is arch, and Carlson's score is all-purpose, mid-century line-setting, a bit of Strauss, a bit of Menotti. The music doesn't drive the action, but is content merely to follow. It was prettily produced by Linda Brovsky in elegant frocks by Robert Perdziola. How sad to see a distinguished cast trying desperately to make bricks without a wisp of straw, including Elaine Bonazzi as the hostess, Christine Abraham as Death, and James Maddalena, Katherine Terrell and Brad Cresswell as assorted hangers-on.

Tragedy triumphs three centuries on

BAROQUE OPERA: **Julie Anne Sadie** reviews French productions of two contrasting 17th-century stage works

The astonishing standards of performance and production set in 1987 by William Christie with Jean-Marie Villégier and Les Arts Florissants in Lully's masterpiece, *Atys*, lent fresh momentum to the interest in French music of Louis XIV's time. Their decision to stage Marc-Antoine Charpentier's **Médée** was perhaps inevitable, though risky because it was not a theatrical success when first given in 1693. But Christie made his name as an interpreter of Charpentier, and in 1984 recorded the opera with Les Arts Florissants (itself called after a Charpentier work). The triumphs of the intervening years ensured that the controversy surrounding the original production would surface again.

From its first notes *Médée*, staged at the Opéra-Comique last week, challenges the senses and sensibilities of the audience. Lully himself would have coveted such an orchestra, which is large and richly augmented by period performance standards, and would surely have approved of Christie's increasingly autocratic manner. A clutch of continuo players, wielding two viols, two lutes, a guitar, a cello and harpsichord, are perched on a platform between the conductor and the singers and from this commanding vantage point assume dramatic control of the recitatives.

The single stage set, by Carlo Tommasi — a galleried red-brick apse with round windows in the ceiling, through which Bruno Boyer lights the stage from different angles, subtly suggesting different times of day and circumstances — is inspired by Jean Berain's original designs. Whether as a chapel, a banqueting hall, a cloister or a crypt, it serves admirably, its verticality enabling members of the chorus to assume places in the upper gallery when the dancers (from the Compagnie Ris et Danceries) take the floor with Béatrice Massin's imaginative choreography.

The singers themselves strike poses reminiscent of Bonnart engravings and Watteau oils, or artfully execute choreographed movements. Even the sense of smell is activated by incense, which engulfs the theatre during the prologue, treated as a court celebration of Mass.

In the stark title role, the American soprano Lorraine Hunt cedes little, by the sheer intensity of her singing, of Medea's balefulness in her pursuit of the latent femininity ascribed to Medea by Charpentier and his librettist Thomas Corneille. Mark Padmore is a virile Jason, conveying in his eloquent haute-contre the character's emotional vulnerability without invoking scorn. Not only Jason is destroyed by Medea: so are Creon, truly sung by the resonant bass Bernard Deletré, and the hapless Oronte, sung by the lithe-voiced baritone Nicolas Rivenq, as well as Medea's rival, the coquettish Creusa, appealingly sung here as in the recording by the soprano Agnès Mellon.

Christie and Villégier do not merely defy the original critics of *Médée*. They also present a disturbing case for why *louisquatorien* audiences might have rejected it: Lully's operas were allegories and so too was Charpentier's; the catch is that while Lully's flattered, Charpentier's touched rather too closely upon the suppressed, darker side of court life and its rituals. Right or not, the pungency of Charpentier's music, together with Christie's polished, mesmeric control of rhetorical gesture and dramatic silence, make it a quite unforgettable evening of tragedy.

The force of their argument was elegantly demonstrated by a performance of Campra's smash-hit of 1697, **L'Europe Galante**, by Les Musiciens du Louvre under Marc Minkowski last Sunday as the final event of the "Journées Andre Campra" given by the Centre de Musique Baroque at Versailles. Weary of real and imagined tragedy, the French opera public of the *fin de siècle* sought refuge in an *opéra-ballet*, which through musical dialogue and dance amusingly explores the art of seduction as practised in France, Spain, Italy and Turkey. Perhaps this, with its sophisticated frivolity, rather than the sombre *Médée*, is the true musical counterpart to Watteau's paintings.

From Groucho to Greek tragedy: **Jeremy Kingston** at the Philadelphia theatre festival

Play-days in Pennsylvania

When Philadelphia first invited British critics to its annual theatre festival, the events were crammed into one long weekend, three shows a day. Serve us right for being theatre critics. At subsequent visits the pressure eased; this year, the festival spread its offerings over three successive weekends.

Street opera, performance art, Greek tragedy; stage biographies of Groucho and Tallulah; two British plays (*Twelfth Night* and *The Art of Success*); a Preston Sturgis comedy re-discovered, *A Doll's House* re-invented; a musical called *Bo!* and another called *Bobos*: with this and more on offer, choice is a lottery. But since 19 theatres are marked on the map of Center City, and previous visits had taken me to barely half of them, I plumped for two that were new to me.

The Chorus in the Wilma Theater's *Oedipus the King* at the Packard Building

The Arden Theatre Company, five years old, began as an itinerant group, finding venues where it could. Literary adaptations (Vonnegut, Wodehouse, Studs Terkel) earned it golden praises and it is now established in a former community centre. The L-shaped theatre seats 150, all close to the stage, and surrounded by the action in Terrence Nolen's vigorous staging of *Sweeney Todd*. Victorian Fleet Street spread around and over us, on walkways that owed their disconcerting angles to *Caligari*.

With the cast moving everywhere, Todd himself, as the excellent Tom Teti plays him, becomes the still centre of a corrupted city. Grimly serious, Teti shows us a man tightly controlling a passionate interior life, the better to wreak revenge on his enemies. Reunited with his razors, his arm flashes up in triumph; when the razor slits a throat, the synthesizer's shriek. The intimacy of a small space like this suits the confessional tone of Sondheim's masterpiece.

The 14-year-old Wilma Theater may one day be moving to a larger auditorium, but nowhere could be more imposing than the interior of the Packard Building where Blanka Zizka chose to stage her production of *Oedipus the King*. Like banking halls the world over, the building aspires to be a Greek temple of enormous scale. Beyond the stage, pared columns receded into the shadowy distance, creating a mighty setting — but then Olek Krupa's Oedipus began to speak.

Adam Wernick's percussive score sounded grandly barbaric, and the Chorus, speaking in unison (a style currently unfashionable), delivered the lines crisply. Unfortunately, those lines were remarkably dull, even though — or perhaps because — Stephen Berg and Diskin Clay are poet and classical scholar respectively. What is neat on the page can be nought on the stage. However, the world's best translation would have died squirming in the Polish-born Krupa's delivery. In the line, "Everyone everywhere knows who I am," the last syllables had to be de-coded from "nooswooyam".

The curiously-named People's Light and Theatre Company lies beyond the City Line, but has always participated in the festival, and the company's epic *Sister Carrie* remains a vivid pleasure. One of its current aims is to increase theatre-going among black audiences, to which end it has revived *A Raisin in the Sun*, Lorraine Hansberry's award-winner from 1959. It was an epochal event in its day — and tried out in Philadelphia before its Broadway success. Most of it plays well, in the way that O'Casey plays well, because its dramatic roots lie squarely in the tradition of the well-made play. She writes perceptively of the likely future of an African state (here Nigeria) after independence, but her view of the American future seems, to this Briton, blinkered by hope.

Her black family in their drab apartment in Chicago's South Side use an insurance cheque to buy property in a white neighbourhood. Hansberry's parents did the same thing in the 1930s and were driven out, and the same prospect may be awaiting the Younger family after the father, hitherto feckless and workshy, is stung by his activist daughter into making a stand.

He rejects the cheque offered to him by a white man to stay away — and this after he has lost the original money through his own folly. Instead, he declares his rights as a citizen and is honoured by his family as a true man.

Yes, well, right on. Ceal Phelan's production is flawlessly performed by a cast that includes the deceptively ethereal Alicia René Washington, Melanye Finister and the splendid Patricia Langford as the mater familias. A principle is a principle, as they keep saying in O'Casey's *Juno*, but in his play the point is that principle wrecks families. Hansberry's suggestion that it will save the Younger family seems just too simplistic — then or, alas, now.

When I was on the Booker jury in 1979, we gave the prize to Iris Murdoch for her novel, **The Sea, The Sea** — and very glad I was that we did. But how would it sound, 14 years later in a Radio 4 adaptation (Classic Serial, Sunday)? I am happy to say that this first instalment was excellent.

Richard Crane, who dramatised the book, has very skilfully reshuffled some of the early entries in the journal of the hero, Charles Appleby, in order to set the scene economically and lucidly — but he has kept Dame Iris's exact, evocative words. Crane's main change, and a brilliant one, is to turn the letters that Charles receives in his lonely coastal retreat into phone calls picked up on a recording machine.

Charles, an actor and theatre director, has retired to this wild stretch of coast in the hope that the cold, merciful waves will wash the falsity out of him as he writes his memoirs. The perpetual, distant roar of the sea (no seagulls, thank God!), the intermittent music from a solitary cello, and the firm, expressive voice of John Wood as Charles, all helped to create a vivid sense of this man struggling to face the truth about himself.

RADIO REVIEW

Safe course in difficult waters

Some of the comedy in the novel was muted here, such as Charles's endless obsession with cooking meals that are natural, delicious and cheap. But Iris Murdoch's sense of the long, underlying rhythms of our lives, comforting in the end but painfully destructive when first recognised, came across clearly. The next three episodes will be the real test, both for Charles and the production, as he finds and kidnaps his long-lost childhood sweetheart — and is forced to realise that his search for self-knowledge has so far only scratched the surface.

Another accomplished woman novelist, Alice Thomas Ellis, wrote **Cat's Whiskers**, the Thirty Minute Theatre production on Radio 4 yesterday. But this was more disconcerting. Anna Massey played a very embittered, if witty wife who did not have one good thing to say about men, as she talked to her cat. What made you wonder how seriously you were supposed to take her hatred was the fact that her husband was just a feminist stereotype — a disembodied voice, always booming in the distance, making complaints and demands. Who was being satirised here — the man or the woman? A ghost of a reconciliation at the end, when the husband had once said "Please" and "Thank you", did not make it any clearer.

Iris Murdoch: a sense of life's underlying rhythms

Travel Writers, a new Saturday series on Radio 4, began with Colin Thubron in Central Asia. He described this vast area, including Uzbekistan and Tadzhikistan, as a "land of left-overs". During communist times, the ancient tribal and Islamic customs had only survived in that form, and now communism had become a left-over too. But Islam is coming to life again: the stucco Moslem decorations that the communists had patronisingly commissioned for a bleak modern opera house now look more like signs of revival than emasculated relics.

Thubron believes that this "ancient crossroads of the world" may in fact show the old Soviet Union how to combine the past and the future in a flexible, pragmatic way. However, a 25-minute programme was not really long enough for him to establish much: it felt like a summary, when the subject needed a book.

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Ghosts with spirit

A staging of **The Turn of the Screw** is very welcome. But why the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester has chosen to link that work in its present season of Britten opera with **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, which it has produced twice already, it is difficult to imagine. It is not as though the college has a particularly promising exponent of any of the most prominent roles and, unless it was the perverse idea of casting a girl as Puck, there is no production concept calculated to present the opera in a new light.

Indeed, Geoffrey Saunders' production, which is overdressed and undercharacterised, is the major weakness of this latest RNCM *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Christopher Gayford's conducting is not weak — the detail of the magical orchestration is too clear and too firmly drawn for that — but it is lacking in poetry, and it fails to involve the singers. So they, thrown on their own resources, survive as best they can, which has the curious effect of giving the four lovers the high profile.

The situation in *The Turn of the Screw* is quite different. There is no lack of concept in Sally Day's production. If its elaborately laid and symmetrically organised trail of clues actually communicates less than it pretends to, and if the heavy symbolism in her and Sophie Geliot's set design promises more than it actually offers, it is still both interesting and effective.

Whatever a director does with the awkward prologue — Britten should have denied his librettists that kind of device from *The Rape of Lucretia* onwards — and whatever she or he has to say about the Governess's erotic imagination and her identification of Quint with the desirable Guardian, the opera remains a ghost story.

In spite of herself perhaps, and certainly in spite of the risks she takes on a largely bare stage (with Quint's tower rigorously excluded but a double vision of the painted backdrop mysteriously included), Sally Day gives us the authentic thrill. She has Philip L. Edwards's clever lighting to thank for that and, above all, Timothy Reynish's conducting, which not only preserves both the symphonic and the dramatic continuity but which also inspires some wonderfully atmospheric playing in the student orchestra.

The Turn of the Screw is also well cast (and well costumed) almost throughout, with outstanding performances from Marianne Joseph as a subtly characterised and effortlessly sung Governess and the 13-year-old Richard Brown as an extraordinarily self-possessed and alarmingly changeable Miles. Further performances at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* today and Friday, and *The Turn of the Screw* on Thursday and Saturday.

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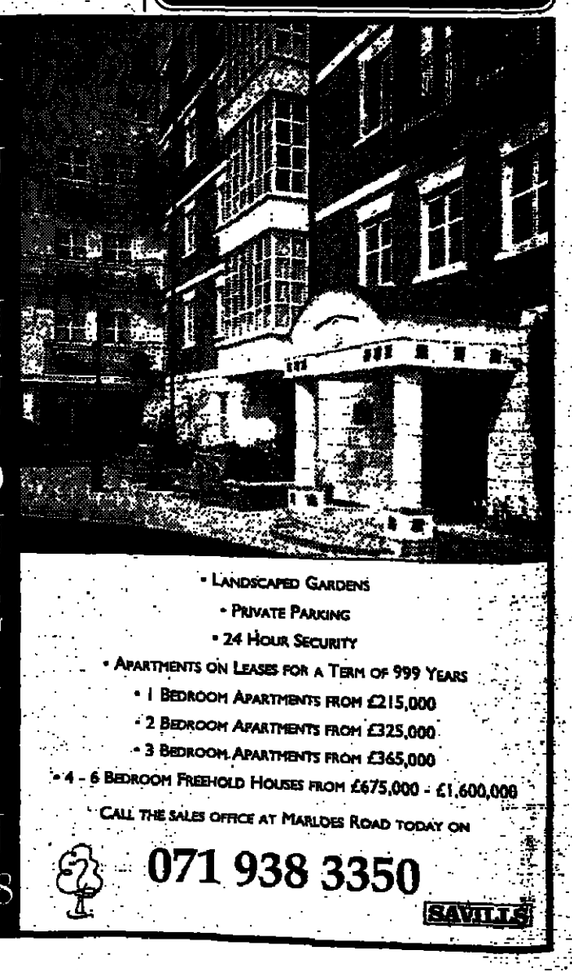

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To be or not to be a traditional village: two stories of how the old and new have been reconciled to preserve rural harmony

BARRY GREENWOOD

Multi-purpose shop: some of the enthusiastic founder members of the village petrol station, general store and post office at Groes in Clwyd

Rebirth of a hamlet

The village of Groes, four miles west of Denbigh, is typical of those to be found in the undulating north Wales hills — so tiny it is more of a hamlet. The semi-detached, slate-roofed houses are a mix of agricultural cottages and council houses. There is a manse, a village hall, a Methodist chapel, petrol station and a manor house, and at the heart of the hamlet, a shop-cum-post office.

For the past 18 months, the shop's till has been firmly shut. Its owners, like thousands of other rural sub-postmasters, were finding it hard to make a living despite acting as newsagent, baker, grocer and general store. In October, 1991, the postmaster, dogged by ill-health, closed the shop. About then, the petrol station was also put up for sale. Groes's story threatened to be a familiar one of decay, followed by the collapse of a village community.

Yet last week shop and petrol station reopened. Here is a success story: how the 300 or so inhabitants of Groes rescued their village.

"We were not prepared to stand idle, witnessing the decline of our community," says Celfyn Williams, aged 42, a sales manager, who has led the campaign to save the village shop, the centrepiece, he believes, of village life. His views are echoed by Jerry Fennell, spokesman for Rural Voice, an umbrella group of charities concerned with the quality of life in villages. Rural Voice and Protecting Postal Services (PPS), a pressure group launched last week, are fighting government plans for pensioners and other claimants to have benefits paid into bank accounts rather than at post offices.

Mr Fennell says: "For an old person, the visit to the village post office is not just about getting money, it's about involvement in local life, friendship, gossip — all those things you know about from *The Archers*."

The rescue plan began with a chat over a fence between Mr Williams and the local minister, the Rev William Gwilym Ceiriog Evans. They decided to call a public meeting under the guidance of Menter Hiraethog, a Welsh Development Agency (WDA) initiative to help rural prosperity. "We knew that if anything was to be done to save our local store and services it would have to be us who did it," Mr Williams says.

> 'We would like to provide affordable housing for local people'

The 17 villagers who went to the meeting decided to set up a community company, to buy the garage and turn it into a modern village store and petrol station combined. There were seven founding members: a forestry contractor, two farmers, a manager with the county council, a sales manager, a farmer's wife and a secretary.

"We worked out that the only way to make a viable business in a small village was to bring both together as one business," Mr Williams says. "Local people could invest and we would be eligible for government grant aid."

None of the founders realised how busy they would become. Not only had they to negotiate for the purchase of the property, but they had to prepare plans, invite tenders, find out about the rules and regulations pertaining to shops and petrol stations, and most important, visit every household in the parish to raise £30,000. More than 60 villagers contributed and have become shareholders. A further £10,000 came from Colwyn council, £16,000 from the WDA, £6,000 from Shell and £4,000 from Clwydfor, a county council enterprise agency. The remaining £4,000 is being raised from share investments.

The post office moved temporarily to the village hall. The original shop was converted back to a house, and the postmaster and his wife have retired there. The petrol station site was bought for £19,000, and £51,000 was spent on creating a post office and shop on the site, and the petrol station was upgraded to become self-service.

Berwyn Evans, Menter Hiraethog's project manager for the scheme, says the village has shown that when people are committed, little can stand in their way. "What has been achieved at Groes", he adds, "is a shining example to other rural communities."

Hopes are high for the shop. Mr Evans believes that many Groes people who have invested in the project are likely to support the village shop. "This will ensure a more profitable business for the tenant, and thereby the ability to afford an economic rent."

The company aims to make a small profit. The rent payable for the business tenancy (£2,500 a year), plus an annual contribution from Shell (ditto), will ensure a dividend for investors. Any surplus will go towards further schemes.

The villagers are now discussing other community needs. "An adequate sports field is a priority," Mr Williams says. "And we would like to provide affordable housing for local people, and workshops to help to generate more employment."

RACHEL KELLY

A country house comes into bloom

Groombridge nestles comfortably into the heart of the Kent countryside, as it has done for centuries. It has suffered from a typical postwar overspill into the bowl which surrounds its sheltered position, but its centre remains largely unspoilt with a well-tended green, pub and church.

The old, terraced houses have a uniformity which suggests that they were once linked to a large house in the sort of paternal relationship which existed in many English villages. And, indeed, just over the road behind an ornamental lake is the Grade I listed Groombridge Place.

But for a while it seemed that the peace and the old relationship between house and village were about to be shattered. Last year Groombridge Place got a new owner, and the new owner had plans the villagers did not much like.

According to Kent Historic Buildings Committee, the building is "one of the finest 17th-century classical houses in England". English Heritage considers it "one of those houses which more than very many others defines what makes us English". It is surrounded by a moat and has formal gardens.

The new owner, Andrew de Candole, bought Groombridge Place in May last year but did not move in until October. By December he had issued the proposals which upset the villagers. He wanted to open to the public what he describes as a "magical formal 17th-century garden which is set in lovely parkland" and to provide suitable facilities, build parking for up to 200 cars and convert a listed barn into a restaurant.

This application for planning permission was greeted by more than 100 letters of objection, 70 of which expressed concern about the increased traffic, while others worried that the plans would be detrimental to the village's character. English Heritage was also worried, mostly about the size and location of the car park.

Mr de Candole's passion for horticulture goes back a long way. "Until I was ten," he says, "we lived in Bateman's, Rudyard Kipling's old house, which had lovely gardens and they got under my skin."

It was his wish to share this which prompted him to open Groombridge. He maintains that he never intended it to be overrun by trippers. Fears were raised simply because, as he says, "we just sort of designated part of a field as the parking area" without worrying too much about its size.

After the initial furore, Mr de Candole calmed these fears by "putting a lot of work into inviting people around and showing them what we wanted to do". He also had new plans drawn up.

On May 11 this altered set of proposals was granted planning permission by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, subject to certain conditions being met. The new car park will not only be smaller, providing space for 63 cars, but will also be relocated and largely hidden. The restaurant in the listed barn will now be a more modest tearoom.

Mr de Candole hopes to be able to open his gardens later this summer and have everything fully operational next spring. The gardens will be open from Easter to October, which will give them time to recover from the 10,000 pairs of feet expected in the first year. "Retired people are the main market," he says. "And they want peace and tranquillity." He says he is happy with the new scheme.

Money from the entrance fee will go towards the cost of maintaining the gardens. Mr de Candole insists that "money cannot be the prime motivation" of those opening their grounds; "they must do it for the love of the garden". In general, a schism appears to have been avoided. The amended application raised a very modest seven letters of objection.

English Heritage and the local authority will be keeping an eye on things but are generally satisfied. Mrs Ruth Chambers, assistant area planning officer, considers the "scale of operations reasonable and self-limiting" and she is pleased that redundant listed buildings are to be reused.

So the peace of the countryside is not about to be breached. There will be a certain loss, but if opening its gardens helps to maintain the fabric of this house and grounds, there will also be a gain.

JAMES FISHER

Groombridge Place: a house that defines the English

Slip, sliding away

How to check whether your house is in a subsidence risk area

Into the sea: Holbeck Hall hotel and, inset, the danger area around the country

Holbeck Hall hotel's dramatic slide down South Cliff at Scarborough in North Yorkshire and the subsequent loss of the £1 million Victorian building brings home sharply the risk of living in an area which might subside.

Subsidence can occur for a variety of reasons. Coastal erosion is one, and clay subsoil is the other big culprit because it shrinks and expands as the weather changes. Drought and flood conditions exacerbate the situation. Clay can be found both inland and on the coastline.

Other causes are mature trees which drink up the moisture around foundations — lime, willow and oak are the worst offenders — and too shallow foundations.

Michael Taylor, of Tuffin, Ferraby and Taylor, the chartered building surveyors, says: "Since 1976 building regulations have changed. Foundations now have to go down three to four metres. Previously they were only about 450-600mm deep. Belts of London clay, which is heavily shrinkable and fairly thick, are notoriously difficult."

Whole stretches of Britain's coast are in danger of disappearing into the water, according to a spokesman for the Association of British Insurers: 40 miles on the north Yorkshire and Humberside coast from Scarborough down to Easington, much of the Isle of Wight and Lyme Regis.

To discover whether a house is in a risky area, Mr Taylor advises the purchaser to walk the local streets for an hour or two looking for evidence of cracks made good, or large trees, and to telephone the local building inspector to enquire whether they have knowledge of subsidence.

Another way of finding out before you buy, he says, is to ring several insurance companies to see what premiums they would charge. Since altering their way of rating houses in November 1991 — charging premiums by postal code — a few calls will soon make it clear whether you are in a high-risk area.

If you want to be absolutely certain, have a structural survey done. It will cost from £300 to £600, depending on the size of the house. "Just because you are in a risk area," Mr Taylor says, "does not necessarily mean your house is in danger of subsiding. Fifty yards could make all the difference."

One of the easiest ways of insuring a newly purchased property in a risky area is to ask for the name of the vendor's insurer and continue the cover with that company. A spokesman from the Legal & General says: "The difficulty comes with a new quotation. The best option is to continue the existing insurance."

> Stretches of coast are in danger of falling into the water

Legal & General charges 18p to 35p per £100 insured. It also has 100 postal code areas in which every house is treated individually and owners are likely to be charged more. Sun Alliance now charges 22p up to 44p per £100 with seven variations. "And we may well refine these even more in the future," says a spokesman.

Jeff Kehoe, underwriting manager for housing insurance, says that "the company would continue an existing insurance for a new owner. But any new policy would have to be very carefully looked at".

Both companies say they would usually renew a policy, but in some areas smaller insurers are refusing to do so — for example in Ventnor in the Isle of Wight. The island suffers from a host of ground problems, says Geoffrey Banks, whose company, G.J. Banks, specialises in underpinning.

"There is clay soil on the north coast, sandy loam around Lake and Shanklin on the other side combined with cracked drains, which turns the soil into something resembling a pudding. "Ventnor has always been difficult with its vents. These are fissures in the rock formation on which the town is built. They open and close as Ventnor moves towards the sea."

According to Mr Banks, "some people in this area are finding that companies are just not renewing their insurance. And if they do it is expensive. One family I have just done work for on a large house is being charged £7,000 a year premium, with an excess of £22,000 for any subsidence claim. "Another problem is that insurance companies like to monitor the situation for three or four years to see whether the subsidence gets worse or improves. Meanwhile the value of property plunges."

Whether you will be able to obtain a mortgage or not is down to the insurance companies. Mark Hemingway, a spokesman from the Halifax Building Society, says: "We rely on surveyors' and engineers' reports. We are just a go-between with the specialists. It is ultimately the insurance company which makes the decision."

You would think the sales of houses in risk areas would be slow, but Mr Hemingway says: "Purchasers prefer to dig their heads in the sand and buy with an 'it won't happen to me' attitude."

The Association of British Insurers states that claims for subsidence are stabilising. How things develop hangs on what sort of summer is ahead. The ideal is one which is not too hot nor too dry, followed by a few months of nice steady drizzle.

MARY WILSON

● A report (June 16) incorrectly stated that the Gordon Bush estate, in Sutherland, is for sale. It is not.

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Kate Leeming, a fitness instructor, will shortly be the first woman to cycle across Russia's Eurasian expanse, **Steven Downes** reports

Pedalling towards the far horizon

Continental adventure: Greg Yeoman and Kate Leeming

Put yourself in Kate Leeming's cycling shoes: pushing the pedals around for up to eight hours each day for the past six weeks, over all sorts of terrain and no sort of roads, sometimes covering more than 100 miles a day just to keep up with the schedule.

There are three more months of the 8,000-mile journey as Ms Leeming, 25, an Australian fitness instructor from Battersea, south London, and Greg Yeoman, 27, an ecologist from Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, attempt to cycle across Russia, from St Petersburg to Vladivostok.

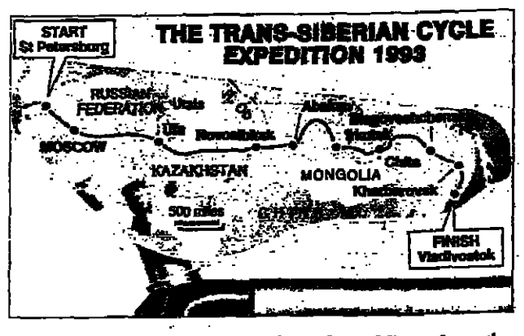
If Ms Leeming succeeds, she will become the first woman to have cycled the breadth of Russia's Eurasian expanse. At the beginning of this week, they crossed the Rubicon when they pedalled over the Urals, and headed east towards the Siberian Steppes.

The vastness of the unknown is now the biggest adversary facing the Trans-Siberian Cycle Expedition. There are few routes that would be recognisable as roads and no communications with anyone west of the Urals.

Ms Leeming is experienced on long-haul cycling trips, having freewheeled around Europe during the past couple of years, going as far east as Turkey and north to Nordkapp, Norway, often solo and maintaining the sort of gruelling daily distances demanded of the Trans-Siberian expedition's schedule.

There is nothing false or fanciful about the schedule: it demands a minimum 84-mile daily average to get the pair and their Russian co-rider to the coast of the Sea of Japan before the onset of the Siberian winter at the beginning of October.

After setting off from St Petersburg with the local cyclist, Vladimir Grusov, for the "easy part" of the route, Ms Leeming says: "It was very hot for the first two weeks. Then we had headwinds from Ryazan to Tol'yatti, cold north winds, and even snow. The roads have been variable, we've had to wear two pairs of cycle shorts for extra padding." Their equipment, and the 55lb packs which each rider is carrying, seems to be taking the strain with only four punctures to date.



The expedition is being undertaken to raise funds for medical causes in Russia and for the American-based charity, Children's Aid International, which supports the "Children of Chernobyl" projects that benefit nearly one million Belorussian and Polish victims of the fall-out from the 1986 disaster.

The cyclists have been assisted by a Russian company, Centre Pole, which trades in Siberia and is run by Dr Misha Malakhov, a veteran of arduous expeditions himself: he joined Britain's Robert Swan on a walk to the North Pole a couple of years ago, a connection which has proved helpful this time, since Swan, a United Nations ambassador for youth and the environment, is patron of the Trans-Siberian expedition.

Centre Pole has acted as co-ordinator between the expedition, the Russian authorities and the many local cycling clubs along the route that have come out to form a provisions link.

Ms Leeming and Mr Yeoman had originally planned to ship all their food and supplies to "base camps" along the Trans-Siberian Railway, but Centre Pole dissuaded them just weeks before departure. Instead, they have been obtaining food locally.

As the cyclists pedalled away from St Petersburg, through Novgorod to Moscow, then on to Ryazan, Penza and Ufa, Ms Leeming said: "We've been invited into many people's homes, often by other cyclists. We always leave well-fed — usually on potatoes, pelemni, borsch, shee, bread, cucumbers, jam and tea, and not too much vodka.

"They often do not have much, but they are proud people and they will give you whatever they have."

Dr Malakhov, now the sole contact between the cycling troika and the Western world, was enthusiastic last week as he reported that they had crossed the Urals.

"They were four days behind schedule. They had a little equipment problem, a little illness. The weather in the Urals is cold and damp — like a summer's day in London," he quipped. "But now they have covered 3,000 kilometres, they are a day ahead of the schedule and are very well."

In less than a week's time, once they reach Novosibirsk on the River Ob at the far side of the Western Siberian Plain, Mr Grusov will leave the party, his place taken by another local, Eugeny Kolchuzin.

Ms Leeming and Mr Yeoman, though, must pedal on, through the heat of high summer, following the railway towards the wonders of Lake Baikal and across the mountains to Vladivostok and the completion of their cycle across two continents.

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Once away from the River Bure — the M1 waterway that links Wroxham, the capital of hire fleets, with Great Yarmouth — the Broads open into a series of unspoilt lagoons and waterways with space for all.

Even during a busy bank holiday, when my family chartered Typhoon, a 34ft Sparkman & Stephens-designed sister ship to Edward Heath's first Morning Cloud, fitted with a torpedo-shaped bulb keel to allow her to navigate the shallow dykes, we escaped with ease into rural isolation to explore the reed-lined beauty of broads and meres at Hickling, Horsey and Barton.

After years of playing the poor relation to the vast fleets of motor cruisers, traditional sailing holidays are enjoying something of a renaissance in these parts.

Twice last year I visited the Broads, to find that while the powered hire-cruiser market had suffered a 20 per cent drop during the recession, demand for sailing holidays has been on the increase.

Blakes Holidays, one of the market leaders, for instance, organises a week-long regatta on Barton Broad at the end of each season for its disparate fleet of sailing yachts. Last year was a sell-out.

Some die-hards like Pat and Michael Edgington have kept the date in their diaries for 16 years — and are determined to compete again this year. "It's so much fun. The racing is just a small part of it," says Mrs Edgington. "It always turns into a great social event and we meet so many old faces each year." Barton, a nature reserve accessible only by boat and one of the prettiest of all the Broads, also hosts an annual regatta over the August bank holiday when the wherries, traditional sailing boats, turn the clock back to the turn of the century.

Tim Whelpton, from whom we chartered Typhoon, was Britain's reserve yachtsman at the 1956 Olympic regatta, and keeps his fleet of yachts, one of which is 70 years old, in top order. I would have preferred to have taken his grand old lady, or even one of her glass-fibre replicas now being brought in to update the fleet. Their traditional gaff rigs are more suited to catching the breeze blowing across the tree-lined banks than the modern Bermudian triangular sail-plan on Typhoon.

But at 30ft long, these indigenous designs were too small for our six-strong family, so we traded nostalgia for the larger, more modern design. We were not disappointed. Like Barton, so much of the beauty that surrounds the Broads, is open only to those with a boat. Wildlife, hidden from the road, also appears unmoved by the sight of boats — sail or power. Herons stood as static, one-legged; otters played like children, chasing each other through the reed beds, and ducks of all hues followed our wake calling for crumbs.

> 'It's so much fun. The racing is just a small part of it'

A knowledge of sail is certainly needed to control one of Tim Whelpton's yachts, but modern power cruisers such as Silver Illusion, a 42ft eight-berth floating "cottage", from Silverline Marine, based at Brundell, that we tested on the River Yare, are infinitely easier to operate than their forebears. They turn on a sixpence, are simple to control and, with fridge, bath, hot and cold water, television sets, individual cabins and standing headroom, provide all the comforts of home.

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Fen fun: traditional boats on Barton Broad

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Lions plumb depths in humiliating reverse

Hawke's Bay 29
British Isles XV 17

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN NAPIER

SIXTY-TWO years ago an earthquake devastated this attractive seaside resort. Had the ground opened up at McLean Park yesterday and swallowed the British Isles, it might have saved them the huge embarrassment of losing to provincial opposition for the third time on this tour in a frustratingly half-hearted and ultimately petulant display.

Defeat at the hands of Hawke's Bay, first-division opponents whose target for the season is a place in the top six of the national championship, by a goal, two tries, three penalty goals and a dropped goal to a try, three penalties and a dropped goal was the lowest point the Lions have reached since the uncertainty created by defeat against Otago.

Although the management tried to minimise the overall effect of defeat, it is hard to explain away 24 points without reply in the second half merely by emphasising technical fallibility, as Geoff Cooke, the manager, did. Too many players seemed to accept — a point made by Stuart Barnes, captain for the day — that they now have no part to play in the first XV.

From the relative strength of a 17-5 interval lead, the Lions found themselves chasing shadows. But this should not detract from the Bay's first victory over the Lions in nine attempts on what Norm Hewitt, their hooker and captain, described as "the greatest day of my life".

The Magpies, as they are known, played with enormous enthusiasm, and there were fina performances from their English locks, John Fowler and Bill Davison, whose recent rugby has been played with Rosslyn Park.

Fifteen months ago these two players could not find places in England's student squad. Yesterday Davison was named one of the most improved players of the Bay's season so far as they outplayed Scotland's locks for half the match. If Jarrod Cunningham had not endured such a poor day with his goal-kicking the Lions would not even have led at the interval.

Only a handful could be excepted from criticism, among them Carling, who did all he could to turn the tide. Of the rest the flankers, Teague and Webster, worked harder than anyone until the final quarter when not only discipline but temper went.

Curiously, defeat does not mean the Lions are without hope for the second international in Wellington on Saturday; last year the All Blacks lost to Sydney 40-17 three days before beating Australia. But it does emphasise the difference in class between perhaps a score of players in the party and the other ten who, next Tuesday, will have to battle with Waikato, the provincial champions.

It was left to Graeme Taylor, the Hawke Bay coach who helped Lansdowne to the Irish first division last season, to ponder the absence of a "slightly smaller-framed, faster player in the mould of the traditional New Zealand open-side flanker"; maybe he knows Neil Back. Such a player would surely have been at Carling's shoulder when the centre split the defence just after the interval but found no support with a try beckoning.

Taylor also wondered out loud why the Lions, with pace to spare on the wing, had failed to use it. His own tactics were simple and inspired by the Otago side which beat the Lions and which included four Bay players: drive primary possession into midfield, stand Hewitt off as the main line-breaker and leave the half backs to kick for position.

Even then they had to depend on lamentable defence to score. Hewitt drove over after a five-metre scrum, Weber scored on the blind-side of a ruck and then Simon Tremain dived on to a loose line-out ball tapped back by the Lions. In similar attacking positions the Lions could achieve nothing save the ire of Paddy O'Brien, the referee, who gave 14 penalties to the Bay against five to the Lions.

Hewitt said the dropped goal that gave the Bay the lead for the first time was the turning point. In fact, the Lions' failure to add to their first-half lead (which included a smart try by Webster) when opportunity offered was more crucial. Lack of control, inability to retain possession, crass thinking were all evident as the Bay, blinking somewhat, recognised their chance and seized it.

SCORERS: Hawke's Bay: Tries: Hewitt, Weber, Tremain. Conversions: Kerr. Penalty goals: Cunningham (2), Kerr. Dropped goal: Kerr. British Isles: Try: Webster. Penalty goals: Barnes (3). Dropped goal: Carling.

HAWKE'S BAY: J Cunningham; A Hamilton, G Konia, M Pauwel, P Davis; S Kerr, N Weber; T Taylor, N Hewitt (captain), O Crawford, D Watts, J Fowler, W Davison, G Falcon, S Tremain.

BRITISH ISLES XV: A Clement (Swansea); R Wallace (Garryowen), V Cunningham (St Mary's College), W Carling (Harlequins), T Underwood (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath, captain), R Jones (Swansea); P Wright (Boroughmuir), K Milne (Hawick FP), J Leonard (Harlequins), M Teague (Moseley), D Cronin (London Scottish), A Reed (Bath), R Webster (Swansea), M Galway (Shannon).

Referee: P O'Brien (North Otago).

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Out on a limb: Carling is surrounded by Hawke's Bay players as Cunningham closes in for the tackle during the British Isles' defeat

Coach blames fatal distraction

AFTER yesterday's defeat by Hawke's Bay, described by Geoff Cooke, the manager, as the "worst performance of the tour by far", the British Isles can only rescue their rapidly fading fortunes by beating New Zealand in Wellington on Saturday (David Hands writes).

From the uplands of success in their first four matches, the Lions have won only once in the last four. The XV to play the All Blacks will be named today and it is inconceivable that more than two of those who took part in the spiritless defeat in Napier will be considered: Will Carling, who struggled consistently against the odds, and Jason Leonard — if the management is prepared to gamble by playing him out of position at tight-head prop.

"We came to win the Test series and we still have a chance of doing that," Cooke said. "Desperately disappointing though today's performance was, it doesn't change anything."

However, the Lions could scarcely face a harder final ten days that embrace two internationals and a midweek meeting with Waikato, the national champions.

Ian McGeechan, the coach, admitted that in the second half against Hawke's Bay the Lions "didn't do justice to the jerseys they wore". Other former Lions, such as Gareth Chilcott, who is leading one of the supporters' groups here, found stronger words of criticism for the tight forwards who included Damian Cronin, pack leader for the day, and Chilcott's former colleague at Bath.

"Some of the players will have to look hard at how matches must be won out here," McGeechan said. "We were distracted, for whatever reasons, and you can't afford that." For the second time in consecutive matches, following the 23-18 defeat by Auckland, the Lions took a lead into the second half and then failed to score any further points.

Strong winds fail to delay Obree

BY PETER BRYAN

GRAEME Obree, who missed Sunday's mountain time-trial against Chris Boardman, the Olympic champion, because he was suffering from a chest infection, successfully defended his Isle of Man 25-mile time-trial championship yesterday. Obree finished 25 seconds outside his course record with a time of 52min 10sec, but that was almost four minutes faster than his closest challenger, his Leo road club team colleague, Bill Moore.

Obree said afterwards that he had been slowed by headwinds on the winding course, which linked Bishopscourt with Ramsey. "The wind made the closing miles quite difficult," he said.

The strength of the wind was evident when only 11 of the 63 starters managed to get inside the hour. His two most likely challengers, Paul Jennings and Jon Walshaw, elected not to start after a hard road race the previous day.

Obree is due to meet Jennings and Walshall in tomorrow's ten-mile time-trial and is in with a chance of beating Darryl Webster's event record of 20min 51sec set eight years ago.

He will then concentrate on preparing for an attempt on the world one-hour record of 51.151km (31.96 miles) set at altitude by Francesco Moser, the Italian professional, in 1984.

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Lloyd joins chorus of support for Lathwell

By Geoffrey Wheeler

IF ANY reminder was needed of the qualities that make Somerset's Mark Lathwell the most exciting young batting prospect in the country, he provided it yesterday with a century before lunch in the NatWest Trophy match against Shropshire at Stone.

Benefiting from the minor county side's rapid over rate — they got through 47 overs in the morning — Lathwell reached his hundred in the final over of the session having faced 135 balls and hit a six and 12 fours. Somerset, for whom Richard Harden, Graham Rose and Chris Tavaré also passed 50, reached 301 for four and won by 115 runs, delayed by Stafforshire opening batsman Bryn Jones who resisted for 47 overs before he was eighth out for 66.

Lathwell, 21, received the man-of-the-match award from Clive Lloyd who told the crowd: "I think he should be playing in the England side." But will the selectors take his advice?

Five years have now passed since a first-class county succumbed on the field of play to one of the minnows and none was in serious danger yesterday, although Glamorgan were understandably concerned at 40 for three after being put in by Oxforshire at Swansea. But the visiting bowlers were then put to the sword by Viv Richards who his six sixes and 15 fours in his 162 made from 144 balls. It was his highest score in the competition and he made his last 62 runs from 21 balls.

Oxfordshire, replying to a formidable 322 for five, began with a century partnbership between David Wise (68) and Stuart Waterton (41) and finished at a creditable 191 for five.

Alec Stewart hit the day's fastest century, from 79 balls in 86 minutes, as Surrey crushed Dorset by ten wickets having been set no more than 164 at the Oval despite another Dorset Hardy, Jon, doing his side proud with a bold 73 before falling to Martin Bicknell.

Robin Smith reached a hundred in 125 balls as Hampshire raced to a seven-wicket win over Staffordshire. David Gower, who went in with the match as good as won, was dismissed for 11.

Kim Barnett and Peter Bowler shared their fifteenth one-day century partnership to lay the foundation for Derbyshire's 266 for seven against Devon, for whom former Somerset captain Peter Roebuck was the most successful bowler. Dominic Cork cut away the top of the Devon batting and Devon Malcolm polished off the tail as Derbyshire won by 133 runs.

Tim Boon, who escaped a chance to the slips from the first ball of the match, scored 117 to ensure a defendable total for Leicestershire at Marlow against Buckinghamshire, for whom the consistent Malcolm Roberts and Paul Strong put on 85 for the first wicket and Steve Burrow hit bravely for 57 from 61 balls.

Mark Alleyne steadied Gloucestershire after Gordon Harris, the Hertfordhsire opening bowler had made short work of Chris Broad and Dean Hodgson at Bristol. Thanks to Alleyne's 73 Gloucestershire rallied to 274 for nine and ran out winners by 110 runs, Mark Gouldstone making an unbeaten 68 for Hertforshire.

The most impressive bowling performance for a minor county was by Suffolk's left-arm spinner Andrew Golding, who took two for 15 in his 12 overs against Essex, for whom Salim Malik made 74 in a total of 251 for nine before taking four for 25 as Suffolk were tumbled out for 130 despite Phil Caley"s defiant half-century.

Dominic Ostler hit his first century in the competition from 99 balls as Warwickshire compiled 285 against Norfolk at Lakenham. Minor Counties Wales, on their first appearance, were no match for Sussex, while Yorkshire and Worcestershire recorded routine wins over Ireland and Scotland by 85 and 76 runs respectively.

SECOND ROUND DRAW

Chelmsford: Essex v Northamptonshire
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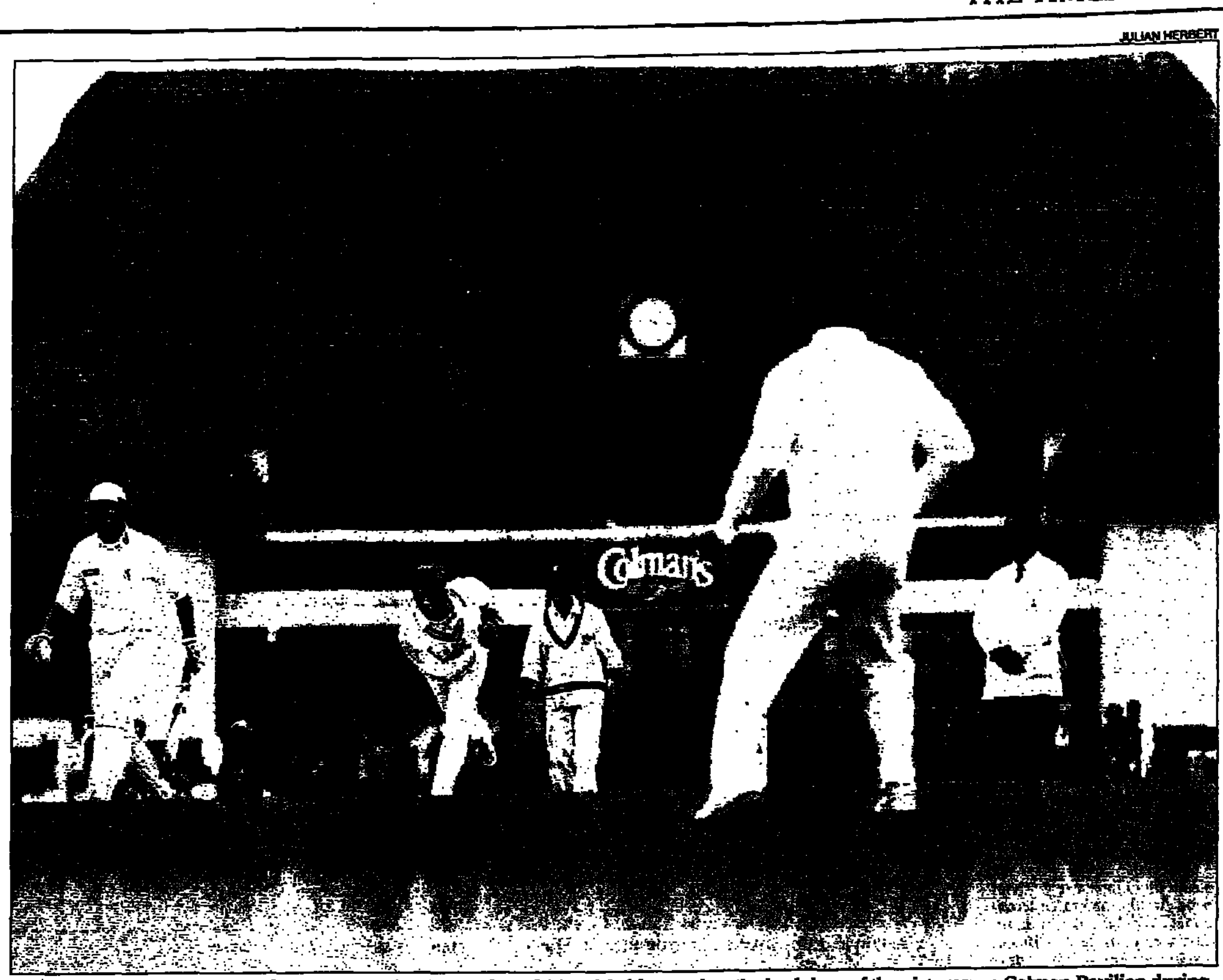

Cottage industry: Cole, of Norfolk, runs in to bowl to Moles, of Warwickshire, against the backdrop of the picturesque Colman Pavilion during their match in the first round of the NatWest Trophy at Lakenham yesterday. The helmeted Ratcliffe and the umpire, Holder, look on

JULIAN HERBERT

Bailey in charge after Lancashire collapse

By Jack Bailey

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire beat Lancashire by six wickets

ROB Bailey just failed to make a century, but there was ample compensation in the knowledge that his undefeated 96 had seen Northamptonshire, the NatWest Trophy holders, defeat the team that has held it most often. Bailey's fine innings was one of several he has compiled already in this, his benefit season, and it will surely be one of the most important.

Bailey's collection of the man-of-the -match award was a formality. His runs were scored from 136 balls and contained a six and ten fours. More important, a good innings from Fordham apart, he alone stood firm amid a minor panic brought about by an excellent spell by Barnett, the slow left-arm bowler. This, combined with the running out of Loye, saw Northamptonshire stumble from 121 for one to to 137 for four, and uncertain where the next run was coming from.

Bailey and Curran gradually regained the ascendancy. In the end, Northamptonshire came home with 19 balls to spare and Lancashire were left to ponder the early morning batting display which gave them little chance.

Lancashire owed what runs did come their way primarily to Atherton, who was resolute early on, and to Watkinson and Austin, who inched their way to an undefeated partnership of 71 after coming together in the dire circumstances of 107 for seven.

Even allowing for the fact that it had been a good toss for Northamptonshire to win, the Lancashire vanguard made a poor fist of things. Early morning moisture in the well-grassed pitch made the eyes of the likes of Ambrose and Taylor light up; but although Atherton showed the way, his colleagues rushed headlong to destruction.

After 25 overs, Lancashire were 56 for five. The most wasteful wicket to fall was that of Wasim Akram, who paid the price of hesitation over a short single.

When Atherton went, to a memorable low catch at square leg by Bailey, he had scored more than half his team's 70 for six from 33 overs. Watkinson, first with DeFreitas and then with Austin as his partner, steadily set about restoring the position. He went to his 50 from 82 balls while the left-handed Austin accompanied him at a lively pace. But it was a duet which came too late.

Dashing Hutton helps Durham forget trials

By Michael Henderson

TROWBRIDGE (Wiltshire won toss): Durham beat Wiltshire by 103 runs

DURHAM put their first-class tribulations behind them to record victory by an impressively healthy margin against moderate opponents at Trowbridge yesterday.

Their best score in the NatWest Trophy proved far too much for Wiltshire at this pleasant ground ringed by poplars and, as of yesterday, marquees.

The loss of two men before they had crawled along into double figures deprived Wiltshire of the sort of decent start they required if they were to provide any serious challenge to the Durham score of 320 for five. Only a fine 73 by Lawrence Smith, the Bath opener who once played for Worcestershire, and 48 runs from the battling David Simpkins, took them as far as they got.

Smith's innings was ended by Simon Hughes, who is more of a Sunday bowler in his final season of professional cricket. When "Reggie" Perrin went next ball — great! super! — Hughes had taken three wickets and stood on the threshold of a hat-trick. He may never know such a sensation again.

When Kevin Foyle, the Wiltshire captain, asked Durham to bat it was with the aim of greater containment than his bowlers were able to manage. Ian Botham and Wayne Larkins put on 90 before Botham, who had made 55 of them, drove a catch to mid-off as he searched for the eleventh boundary of his innings.

The innings faltered briefly when Paul Parker and Larkins were dismissed in successive overs. But then Stewart Hutton went out to join Phil Bainbridge and shape the course of the game in a fluent partnership of 166 from just 29 overs. In golfing terms, Durham went out in 109 and came back in 211.

Hutton had not played in the championship this year, even in the absence of Graeme Fowler, who is nursing a bruised shoulder. Here he was the last man out five runs short of a century, having lifted five sixes. He was later to win the man-of-the-match award.

Bainbridge, whose contribution was 82, later took two wickets as Wiltshire subsided. Simpkins enjoyed his moment of glory, clobbering two sixes over mid-wicket, but it is Durham who will visit Glamorgan at Cardiff next month.

Middlesex wilt as McCague takes charge

By Ivo Tennant

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent beat Middlesex by 166 runs

DESPITE their prowess at this form of the limited-overs game a decade and more ago, Kent had never had the better of Middlesex until now. It was all the more surprising, then, that this should have been such a straightforward victory, brought about as much by the three batsmen who made half-centuries in good time as Martin McCague taking five wickets.

Was there a selector here to see him? None was spied. Doubtless they were preoccupied elsewhere, extracting the curare injected at Lord's. If McCague was too much for three of the first five in the Middlesex order, then Headley, who, much to their consternation switched counties earlier this year, caused further angst by removing Gatting and two others besides.

Down the years, Clive Radley always seemed to collect just enough runs to shepherd Middlesex to victory in this fixture. Now, needing 283 on a firm pitch, they were given a reasonable start by Haynes but all too little by everybody else. Either Gatting or Ramprakash, and preferably both, needed to bat for some time. Neither did. The captain came in down the order as a result of running into a boundary board — the repercussions were not as bad as when he collided with a dressing room door — and was soon taken at the wicket chasing a wide one.

Ramprakash had driven McCague tamely to mid-off and, after the same bowler surprised Carr through lift that nobody else extracted all day, the tail went quietly. Fleming held a couple of excellent catches and McCague, inevitably, took the man of the match award from Trevor Bailey.

Kent had been given the ideal start by Ward and Benson, 65 in 20 overs. Next, Hooper showed that the late cut and an ability to find untenanted areas of the field can be every bit as effective as attempts to hit the cover off every ball. He did not find the boundary until the 62nd ball he faced, but his was a lovely innings of 62. There were half-centuries, too, for Benson and Taylor, whose 57 came from just 62 balls and included eight fours. Kent go now to Edgbaston.

NATWEST TROPHY SCOREBOARDS

Kent v Middlesex

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent beat Middlesex by 166 runs

KENT
T R Ward c Weekes b Emburey 34
*M R Benson c Fraser b Weekes 60
C L Hooper b Emburey 62
M V Fleming c Gatting b Weekes 5
N R Taylor c Weekes b Emburey 57
N J Llong not out 27
†S A Marsh c Ramprakash b Fraser 18
M A Ealham c Ramprakash b Cowans 0
D W Headley not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 11, nb 2) 18
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs) 282
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-124, 3-138, 4-222, 5-242, 6-276, 7-279.
M J McCague and A P Igglesden did not bat.
BOWLING: Fraser 11-1-53-1; Cowans 11-0-47-1; Johnson 10-0-44-0; Emburey 12-0-59-3; Weekes 7-0-38-2; Keech 9-0-38-0.

MIDDLESEX
D L Haynes b Hooper 41
M Keech lbw b McCague 3
M R Ramprakash c Benson b McCague 5
J D Carr c Hooper b McCague 25
*M W Gatting c Marsh b Headley 2
†K R Brown c Fleming b Headley 10
P N Weekes c Llong b Headley 2
J E Emburey b McCague 2
R L Johnson c Fleming b McCague 5
A R C Fraser not out 2
N G Cowans c Fleming b Hooper 2
Extras (lb 3, w 10, nb 4) 17
Total (36 overs) 116
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-12, 3-80, 4-83, 5-83, 6-101, 7-103, 8-110, 9-111.
BOWLING: Igglesden 7-1-20-0; McCague 12-3-26-5; Headley 11-1-45-3; Ealham 3-0-10-0; Hooper 3-0-12-2.
Man of the match: M J McCague.
Umpires: K E Palmer and G A Stickley.

Staffordshire v Hampshire

STONE (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire beat Staffordshire by seven wickets

STAFFORDSHIRE
S J Dean lbw b Udal 40
P K Shaw lbw b Ayling 29
J A Waterhouse c Smith b James 4
S D Myles lbw b James 7
A J Dutton c Terry b Ayling 24
N J Archer st Aymes b Udal 25
P G Newman c Udal b Connor 9
†M I Humphries c Nicholas b Connor 4
R A Spiers c Smith b Connor 0
P J W Allott run out 3
N P Hackett not out 0
Extras (lb 12, w 8) 20
Total (59.1 overs) 165
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-67, 3-85, 4-96, 5-138, 6-149, 7-162, 8-162, 9-165.
BOWLING: Marshall 11.1-0-26-0; James 12-2-29-2; Udal 12-1-24-2; Connor 12-3-21-3; Ayling 12-1-51-2.

HAMPSHIRE
V P Terry b Newman 12
T C Middleton c Dean b Dutton 34
R A Smith not out 105
D I Gower c Hackett b Allott 11
*M C J Nicholas not out 3
Extras (lb 1) 1
Total (3 wkts, 44.5 overs) 166
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-135, 3-163.
M D Marshall, K D James, J R Ayling, †A N Aymes, S D Udal and C A Connor did not bat.
BOWLING: Dutton 11.5-0-42-1; Newman 8-1-38-1; Allott 12-2-45-1; Spiers 7-1-22-0; Hackett 6-1-20-0.
Man of the match: R A Smith.
Umpires: B Leadbeater and A Clarkson.

Devon v Derbyshire

EXMOUTH (Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire beat Devon by 133 runs

DERBYSHIRE
*K J Barnett c White b Roebuck 60
P D Bowler c Ward b Cottam 58
J E Morris c Pritchard b Allin 21
C J Adams c Cottam b Ward 13
T J G O'Gorman not out 66
D G Cork c Ward b Roebuck 14
F A Griffith c Wyatt b Roebuck 0
M J Vandrau run out 21
†B J M Maher not out 0
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 4) 11
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs) 266
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-108, 2-143, 3-152, 4-176, 5-203, 6-203, 7-263.
D E Malcolm and O H Mortensen did not bat.
BOWLING: Donohue 10-0-57-0; Ward 12-0-70-1; Allin 12-3-33-1; Cottam 12-0-45-1; Roebuck 12-1-37-3; Wyatt 2-0-17-0.

DEVON
J G Wyatt lbw b Griffith 9
S M Willis b Cork 20
G W White lbw b Cork 0
A J Pugh lbw b Cork 0
D E J Townsend b Vandrau 29
*P M Roebuck b Cork 12
K Donohue b Mortensen 31
T W Ward c O'Gorman b Malcolm 17
A C Cottam b Malcolm 2
A W Allin b Malcolm 0
†C S Pritchard not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 6, nb 2) 12
Total 133
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-30, 3-32, 4-32, 5-45, 6-67, 7-126, 8-130, 9-130.
Man of the match: D G Cork.
Umpires: D J Halfyard and P B Wight.

Suffolk v Essex

BURY ST EDMUNDS (Suffolk won toss): Essex beat Suffolk by 121 runs

ESSEX
P J Prichard b Golding 24
J P Stephenson c Clements b Graham 84
N Hussain c East b Golding 17
Salim Malik c East b Graham 74
*G A Gooch c Butler b Miller 14
D R Pringle c Squire b Graham 2
†M A Garnham c Halliday b Miller 6
T D Topley c East b Graham 8
M C Ilott run out 5
P M Such not out 0
S J W Andrew not out 1
Extras (lb 7, w 3, nb 6) 16
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs) 251
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-105, 3-175, 4-210, 5-224, 6-230, 7-245, 8-245, 9-250.
BOWLING: Graham 12-0-66-4; Douglas 12-0-54-0; Miller 12-0-61-2; Golding 12-4-15-2; East 12-1-48-0.

SUFFOLK
S J Halliday lbw b Ilott 2
S M Clements b Andrew 7
K A Butler c Garnham b Topley 17
P J Caley not out 14
A J Squire lbw b Topley 1
I D Graham c Garnham b Topley 1
C A Miller st Garnham b Such 7
A K Golding c Hussain b Salim Malik 7
*R E East c and b Salim Malik 13
†A D Brown lbw b Salim Malik 0
P J Douglas st Garnham b Salim Malik 2
Extras (lb 3, w 4, nb 12) 19
Total (48.2 overs) 130
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-20, 3-38, 4-45, 5-49, 6-60, 7-89, 8-111, 9-117.
BOWLING: Ilott 6-2-7-1; Pringle 6-2-8-0; Andrew 5-2-12-1, Topley 11-2-34-3; Such 7-3-15-1; Stephenson 7-1-26-0; Salim Malik 8.2-0-25-4.
Man of the match: Salim Malik.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and P Adams.

Northamptonshire v Lancashire

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire beat Lancashire by six wickets

LANCASHIRE
M A Atherton c Bailey b Penberthy 37
S P Titchard c and b Taylor 4
N J Speak b Penberthy 0
*N H Fairbrother c Ripley b Curran 22
G D Lloyd b Curran 1
Wasim Akram run out 0
P A J DeFreitas lbw b Ambrose 8
M Watkinson not out 60
I D Austin not out 38
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 5) 8
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs) 178
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-16, 3-45, 4-56, 5-58, 6-70, 7-107.
†W K Hegg and A A Barnett did not bat.
BOWLING: Taylor 12-4-35-1; Ambrose 12-1-34-1; Curran 12-3-39-2; Penberthy 12-3-33-2; Cook 12-1-34-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
A Fordham st Hegg b Barnett 39
N A Felton lbw b DeFreitas 3
R J Bailey not out 96
*A J Lamb c Hegg b Barnett 4
M B Loye run out 4
K M Curran not out 23
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 1, nb 2) 12
Total (4 wkts, 56.5 overs) 181
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-121, 3-125, 4-137.
A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, C E L Ambrose, J P Taylor and N G B Cook did not bat.
BOWLING: Austin 11.5-3-36-0; DeFreitas 11-3-31-1; Watkinson 11-0-41-0; Wasim Akram 11-2-35-0; Barnett 12-2-29-2.
Man of the match: R J Bailey.
Umpires: H D Bird and A A Jones.

Wiltshire v Durham

TROWBRIDGE (Wiltshire won toss): Durham beat Wiltshire by 103 runs

DURHAM
I T Botham c Foyle b Prigent 55
W Larkins c Perrin b North 35
P W G Parker c Savage b Prigent 4
S Hutton c Foyle b Tomlins 95
P Bainbridge b Tomlins 82
J D Glendenen not out 5
A C Cummins not out 20
Extras (lb 11, w 7, nb 6) 24
Total (5 wkts, 60 overs) 320
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-90, 2-107, 3-107, 4-273, 5-298.
†C W Scott, J Wood, S P Hughes and *D A Graveney did not bat.
BOWLING: Barnes 12-0-93-0; Sheppard 4-0-41-0; Tomlins 12-2-51-2; Prigent 12-2-38-2; North 12-2-44-1; Simpkins 3-0-14-0; Marsh 5-0-28-0.

WILTSHIRE
L K Smith b Hughes 73
P M Marsh b Hughes 2
*K N Foyle c Scott b Wood 0
K P Tomlins c & b Graveney 28
R R Savage c Hutton b Bainbridge 26
†S M Perrin b Hughes 0
D P Simpkins b Cummins 48
P D North b Hughes 0
N Prigent not out 14
G Sheppard not out 2
Extras (lb 4, w 6, nb 14) 24
Total (8 wkts, 60 overs) 217
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-7, 3-82, 4-125, 5-125, 6-171, 7-175, 8-211.
S N Barnes did not bat.
BOWLING: Wood 12-3-35-1; Hughes 11-3-29-3; Bainbridge 12-1-65-2; Cummins 12-3-39-1; Graveney 12-0-40-1; Glendenen 1-0-6-0.
Man of the match: S Hutton.
Umpires: D O Oslear and G Sharp.

Yorkshire v Scotland

HEADINGLEY (Ireland won toss): Yorkshire beat Ireland by 85 runs

YORKSHIRE
*M D Moxon c Nelson b Cohen 63
A A Metcalfe c P McCrum b Harrison 77
R B Richardson c Curry b P McCrum 54
D Byas b P McCrum 54
†R J Blakey not out 0
Extras (lb 5, w 9, nb 10) 24
Total (4 wkts, 60 overs) 272
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-132, 2-166, 3-268, 4-272.
C White, P W Jarvis, P J Hartley, D Gough, J D Batty and M A Robinson did not bat.
BOWLING: P McCrum 10-0-51-2; Moore 10-2-47-0; Harrison 12-0-48-1; Nelson 10-0-45-0; Curry 6-0-28-1; C McCrum 12-1-48-0.

IRELAND
M F Cohen run out 15
M P Rea c Byas b Hartley 9
*S J S Warke b Jarvis 64
D A Lewis lbw b White 1
D J Curry lbw b Hartley 22
C McCrum not out 39
G D Harrison not out 7
Extras (b 1, lb 18, w 5, nb 6) 30
Total (5 wkts, 60 overs) 187
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-38, 3-52, 4-86, 5-170.
†P B Jackson, P McCrum, A N Nelson and E R P Moore did not bat.
BOWLING: Jarvis 11-1-25-1; Hartley 9-1-25-2; Robinson 12-1-28-0; Gough 12-2-34-0; White 11-0-41-1; Batty 5-2-17-0.
Man of the match: A A Metcalfe.
Umpires: B Dudleston and C T Spencer.

Scotland v Worcs

MYRESIDE, EDINBURGH (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire beat Scotland by 76 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE
*T S Curtis run out 48
W P C Weston c Duthie b Govan 31
G A Hick c Hamilton b Bevan 51
D B D'Oliveira c Russell b Stanger 32
D A Leatherdale b Duthie 22
†S J Rhodes c Salmond b Hamilton 18
S R Lampitt c Russell b Hamilton 4
N V Radford c Storie b Duthie 2
R K Illingworth not out 2
C M Tolley not out 9
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 11) 19
Total (8 wkts, 60 overs) 238
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-95, 3-178, 4-185, 5-220, 6-224, 7-226, 8-227.
K C G Benjamin did not bat.
BOWLING: Stanger 11-3-35-1; Hamilton 9-2-44-2; Duthie 11-1-53-2; Bevan 12-1-47-1; Govan 12-2-31-1; Russell 5-0-20-0.

SCOTLAND
†I L Philip c Leatherdale b Tolley 6
*A C Storie b Radford 32
B M W Patterson lbw b Illingworth 23
J D Love b Lampitt 16
G Salmond c Illingworth b Lampitt 18
A B Russell b Lampitt 2
J D Govan c Benjamin b Hick 5
I R Bevan not out 16
P G Duthie not out 21
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 12) 23
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs) 162
I M Stanger and G M Hamilton did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-75, 3-83, 4-115, 5-117, 6-121, 7-127.
BOWLING: Benjamin 4-1-11-0; Tolley 10-3-15-1; Hick 12-3-32-1; Lampitt 12-2-28-3; Illingworth 12-3-32-1; Radford 7-0-26-1; Leatherdale 2-0-6-0; D'Oliveira 1-0-4-0.
Man of the match: G A Hick.
Umpires: J D Bond and T G Wilson.

Lathwell: hundred before lunch at Telford

Gloucs v Herts

BRISTOL (Hertfordshire won toss): Gloucestershire beat Hertfordshire by 110 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
B C Broad lbw b Harris 14
G D Hodgson c Harvey b Harris 9
M W Alleyne c and b Jahangir 73
T H C Hancock c Harvey b Cavener 45
*A J Wright hit wicket b Walshe 14
†R C Russell lbw b Walshe 2
R J Scott c Gouldstone b Jahangir 21
R M Wight b Jahangir 18
C A Walsh b Jahangir 37
A M Smith not out 8
A M Babington not out 1
Extras (lb 9, w 17, nb 6) 32
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs) 274
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-28, 3-129, 4-159, 5-161, 6-188, 7-207, 8-259, 9-264.
BOWLING: Walshe 12-1-67-2; Harris 12-2-32-2; Jahangir 12-1-67-4; Surridge 12-1-53-0; Cavener 12-0-56-1.

HERTFORDSHIRE
M James c Hancock b Walsh 16
R G P Ellis lbw b Babington 6
M R Gouldstone not out 68
N J Ilott c Smith b Wight 14
N Gilbert b Smith 3
M Jahangir lbw b Smith 0
C N Cavener c Wright b Scott 1
†J D Harvey c Wright b Walsh 20
M Walshe c Russell b Alleyne 1
G A R Harris c Smith b Hancock 10
*D Surridge c Russell b Hancock 2
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 16) 23
Total (57.5 overs) 164
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-28, 3-79, 4-87, 5-87, 6-97, 7-135, 8-144, 9-162.
BOWLING: Walsh 9-1-27-2; Babington 10-2-29-1; Scott 10-0-37-1; Smith 12-5-17-2; Wight 12-0-34-1; Alleyne 3-0-8-1; Hancock 1.5-0-7-2.
Man of the match: M W Alleyne.
Umpires: J H Harris and A G T Whitehead.

Bucks v Leics

MARLOW (Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire beat Buckinghamshire by 75 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE
T J Boon c Shearman b Scriven 117
*N E Briers b Barry 22
J J Whitaker b Burrow 35
J D R Benson c and b Burrow 13
P E Robinson c Black b Barry 42
L Potter c Black b Scriven 4
W K M Benjamin run out 2
†P A Nixon run out 7
V J Wells c Shearman b Roshier 9
G J Parsons not out 5
A D Mullally not out 19
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 3, nb 4) 14
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs) 289
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-143, 3-167, 4-239, 5-244, 6-248, 7-255, 8-259, 9-267.
BOWLING: Roshier 10-2-53-1; Booden 8-2-30-0; Barry 9-0-43-2; Black 5-1-17-0; Burrow 12-1-69-2; Percy 5-0-16-0; Scriven 11-0-54-2.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
M J Roberts c Nixon b Wells 54
P Strong c Benson b Parsons 42
T J A Scriven b Potter 10
S Burrow not out 57
S M Shearman b Wells 15
B S Percy c & b Benjamin 1
†T P Russell c Boon b Benson 5
*G R Black c Benjamin b Benson 0
T J Barry c Boon b Benson 9
P G Roshier not out 2
Extras (lb 8, w 5, nb 6) 19
Total (8 wkts, 60 overs) 214
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-112, 3-122, 4-177, 5-180, 6-190, 7-191, 8-206.
C D Booden did not bat.
BOWLING: Benjamin 10-3-25-1; Mullally 12-4-32-0; Parsons 12-0-60-1; Potter 12-2-32-1; Wells 12-1-46-2; Benson 2-0-13-3.
Man of the match: T J Boon.
Umpires: R Palmer and M A Johnson.

Cheshire v Nottinghamshire

WARRINGTON (Cheshire won toss): Nottinghamshire beat Cheshire by 62 runs

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
P R Pollard c Standing b Peel 17
M Saxelby c Hignett b Crawley 17
*R T Robinson b Potts 19
P Johnson c Gray b Crawley 13
G F Archer c and b O'Brien 39
C L Cairns c Bean b Peel 64
C C Lewis c and b O'Brien 0
K P Evans c and b O'Brien 5
†B N French lbw b Miller 0
R A Pick not out 14
J A Afford not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 14) 20
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs) 208
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-56, 3-67, 4-87, 5-168, 6-168, 7-178, 8-179, 9-204.
BOWLING: Peel 12-1-45-2; Potts 12-3-34-1; Crawley 9-1-28-2; Miller 12-3-33-1; O'Brien 11-1-46-3; Bostock 4-0-17-0.

CHESHIRE
T J Bostock c French b Pick 8
S T Crawley lbw b Cairns 9
*I Cockbain c Johnson b Evans 57
G Miller b Pick 4
J D Gray lbw b Pick 2
J D Bean c Evans b Saxelby 19
R G Hignett b Cairns 14
J Potts lbw b Afford 1
J F M O'Brien not out 13
†T P A Standing c Pollard b Cairns 2
N D Peel b Cairns 0
Extras (lb 7, w 14) 17
Total (55.3 overs) 146
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-31, 3-38, 4-41, 5-76, 6-98, 7-115, 8-142, 9-146.
BOWLING: Evans 12-4-30-1; Cairns 9.3-5-18-4; Pick 10-1-28-3; Afford 12-3-15-1; Saxelby 9-0-42-1; Pollard 3-0-8-0.
Man of the match: C L Cairns.
Umpires: G I Burgess and V A Holder.

Glamorgan v Oxfordshire

SWANSEA (Oxfordshire won toss): Glamorgan beat Oxfordshire by 131 runs

GLAMORGAN
S P James c Waterton b Arnold 5
*H Morris c Curtis b Hartley 6
A Dale run out 8
M P Maynard c Laudat b Savin 67
I V A Richards not out 162
P A Cottey run out 41
†R D B Croft not out 12
Extras (lb 3, w 13) 20
Total (5 wkts, 60 overs) 322
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-24, 3-40, 4-145, 5-252.
R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.
BOWLING: Arnold 12-2-46-1; Joyner 7-1-49-0; Savin 9-0-42-1; Hartley 11-2-66-1; Laudat 2-0-16-0; Evans 11-0-59-0; Curtis 8-1-40-0.

OXFORDSHIRE
D A J Wise c Metson b Lefebvre 68
†S N V Waterton st Metson b Croft 41
S V Laudat not out 24
T A Lester c Lefebvre b Dale 25
G P Savin b Dale 8
J S Hartley lbw b Richards 2
*P J Garner not out 6
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 3) 17
Total 5 wkts (60 overs) 191
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-121, 2-121, 3-156, 4-166, 5-177.
S G Joyner, R A Evans, K A Arnold and I J Curtis did not bat.
BOWLING: Watkin 6-3-9-0; Lefebvre 10-5-14-1; Dale 12-2-49-2; Barwick 8-0-43-0; Richards 12-3-30-1; Croft 12-1-32-1.
Man of the match: I V A Richards.
Umpires: B J Meyer and D J Dennis.

Sussex v Wales Minor Counties

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Sussex beat Wales Minor Counties by 114 runs

SUSSEX
C W J Athey c Puddle b Smith 92
J W Hall c Griffiths b Edwards 3
K Greenfield not out 96
*A P Wells run out 8
J A North c and b Derrick 20
F D Stephenson c Puddle b Griffiths 3
†P Moores c Smith b Griffiths 9
I D K Salisbury c Edwards b Griffiths 0
A N Jones not out 0
Extras (b 5, lb 11, w 2, nb 8) 26
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs) 257
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-159, 3-171, 4-222, 5-230, 6-255, 7-256.
E S H Giddins and E E Hemmings did not bat.
BOWLING: Derrick 12-1-35-1; Edwards 12-4-36-1; Ikram 6-1-33-0; Griffiths 12-3-57-3; Smith 12-1-41-1; Lloyd 6-0-39-0.

WALES MINOR COUNTIES
A Jones run out 23
†A W Harris c Moores b Jones 1
B Metcalf c Moores b Salisbury 30
J Derrick b Salisbury 4
K Bell lbw b Hemmings 13
*A C Puddle lbw b Giddins 1
W G Edwards not out 28
B J Lloyd not out 31
Extras (lb 8, w 4) 12
Total (6 wkts, 60 overs) 143
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-51, 3-58, 4-72, 5-73, 6-89.
A D Griffiths, A Smith and A Ikram did not bat.
BOWLING: Jones 7-2-10-1; Giddins 12-2-24-1; North 2-0-17-0; Stephenson 5-2-4-0; Salisbury 8-1-17-2; Hemmings 12-4-15-1; Greenfield 7-0-23-0; Athey 7-0-25-0.
Man of the match: K Greenfield.
Umpires: N T Plews and T E Jesty.

Surrey v Dorset

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey beat Dorset by ten wickets

DORSET
G S Calway lbw b Murphy 26
T W Richings b M P Bicknell 8
A Willows run out 12
J J E Hardy c Ward b M P Bicknell 73
*†G D Reynolds lbw b Murphy 0
S W D Rintoul c Stewart b M P Bicknell 36
R A Pyman b Benjamin 0
J H Shackleton not out 1
S R Walbridge b Waqar Younis 3
O T Parkin b Waqar Younis 0
P T Garlick b Waqar Younis 0
Extras (w 4) 4
Total (58.5 overs) 163
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-33, 3-73, 4-75, 5-158, 6-159, 7-159, 8-163, 9-163.
BOWLING: M P Bicknell 12-4-26-3; Benjamin 12-2-24-1; Waqar Younis 11.5-0-50-3; Murphy 11-2-27-2; Boiling 12-1-27-0.

SURREY
D J Bicknell not out 54
*†A J Stewart not out 104
Extras (lb 4, w 2) 6
Total (0 wkt, 28.4 overs) 164
G P Thorpe, M A Lynch, A D Brown, D M Ward, M P Bicknell, Waqar Younis, J Boiling, A J Murphy and J E Benjamin did not bat.
BOWLING: Garlick 3-0-17-0; Shackleton 6-1-28-0; Parkin 2-0-23-0; Walbridge 8.4-1-44-0; Willows 6-0-41-0; Pyman 2-0-7-0.
Man of the match: A J Stewart.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and M K Reed.

Shropshire v Somerset

TELFORD (Shropshire won toss). Somerset beat Shropshire by 115 runs

SOMERSET
M N Lathwell c Sharp b Byram 103
N A Folland lbw b Shantry 19
R J Harden c Parton b Byram 85
G D Rose c Byram b Shantry 52
*C J Tavaré not out 55
K A Parsons not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 2) 6
Total (4 wkts, 60 overs) 301
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-171, 3-198, 4-300.
†N D Burns, Mushtaq Ahmed, A R Caddick, N A Mallender and A P Van Troost.
BOWLING: Shantry 7-1-36-2; Marsh 11-0-51-0; Byram 12-1-41-2; Edmunds 12-1-50-0; Sharp 10-0-50-0; Blakeley 8-0-69-0.

SHROPSHIRE
J B R Jones c Mushtaq b Parsons 26
D Marsh lbw b Rose 0
*M R Davies lbw b Van Troost 1
A N Johnson b Rose 0
P M Blakeley st Burns b Mushtaq 23
M J Davidson b Parsons 0
B K Shantry c Tavaré b Lathwell 4
A B Byram b Mushtaq 22
G Edmunds not out 24
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 6, nb 8) 26
Total (59.4 overs) 185
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-51, 3-52, 4-53, 5-60, 6-111, 7-122, 8-136, 9-149.
BOWLING: Caddick 8-2-21-1; Mallender 6-1-10-0; Van Troost 6-2-16-1; Rose 6-3-11-3; Parsons 12-0-47-2; Lathwell 11-4-28-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 8 4-3-16-2; Harden 3-0-23-0; Tavaré 1-0-6-0.
Man of the match: M N Lathwell.
Umpires: R A White and P Willey.

Norfolk v Warwickshire

LAKENHAM (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire beat Norfolk by 143 runs

WARWICKSHIRE
A J Moles b Fox 44
J D Ratcliffe run out 40
D P Ostler c Rogers b Thomas 104
P A Smith c Crawley b Bunting 25
*D A Reeve c Crowley b Cole 17
T L Penney b Thomas 14
†P C L Holloway b Thomas 16
N M K Smith c Goldsmith b Bunting 2
G C Small b Bunting 0
A A Donald not out 2
T A Munton not out 1
Extras (lb 6, w 13, nb 2) 21
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs) 285
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-87, 2-114, 3-182, 4-226, 5-256, 6-271, 7-275, 8-282, 9-284.
BOWLING: Cole 12-1-71-1; Bunting 12-1-40-3; Thomas 8-0-34-3; Goldsmith 12-1-59-0, Plumb 12-1-52-0; Fox 4-1-23-1.

NORFOLK
C J Rogers lbw b Reeve 19
S G Plumb b Small 5
S C Goldsmith c and b N M K Smith 32
R J Finney lbw b Munton 2
R D E Farrow b N M K Smith 18
S B Dixon c Ostler b N M K Smith 9
*D R Thomas c and b N M K Smith 35
N Fox b N M K Smith 1
R A Bunting not out 15
A P Cole c Holloway b Ostler 4
†S C Crowley run out 0
Extras (lb 13, w 5, nb 6) 24
Total (53.3 overs) 142
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-46, 3-49, 4-81, 5-92, 6-100, 7-108, 8-111, 9-134.
BOWLING: Donald 7-2-13-0; Small 6-0-18-1; Reeve 5-1-16-1; Munton 12-1-33-1; P A Smith 6-1-12-0; N M K Smith 12-5-17-5; Ratcliffe 4-0-16-0; Ostler 1.3-0-4-1.
Man of the match: D P Ostler.
Umpires: J W Holder and H J Rhodes

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Rotten county core to blame for England's decline

BY ALAN LEE
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THE signs are always the same. The chairman of selectors is derided, inquests are held into the suspected death of our national game and resignations demanded. This week has brought a familiar crisis in English cricket as the Test team has stumbled upon times at least as bad, though not much worse, than those encountered four, five and seven years ago.

As usual, blame is being laid at the top, where Ted Dexter's position seems increasingly untenable, and at the bottom, where the old theory about inadequate cricket in schools has had a further airing. As is invariably the case, however, it is neither top nor bottom but the middle, the rotten core of the game, which has the greatest bearing on the plight of the England side.

Dexter did not excel after the second Test had ended in heavy defeat on Monday evening. His responses to a matter causing national indignation were embarrassingly vague and absurd. But once he touched upon that rotten core. "By and large," he said, "county cricketers over the past ten years have played a soft form of the game."

A short while later Allan Border, the Australia captain, repeated the message. "It's not tiddlywinks out there," he said. "Australia's cricket is geared to producing a Test team. I don't think that's true of England's." Border is a qualified judge, having played county cricket for Essex.

These opinions were forcibly echoed from Australia yesterday by Rodney Marsh, the former Australia wicketkeeper who is now head coach at the Australian cricket academy. "England's performances all stem from county cricket and the fact that it's not a good competition," he said, adding that there was little to be gained by young Australians spending the summer playing county cricket.

"They go over there and face bowlers who are really just pie throwers and they are not going to learn anything about the game," Marsh said. "You see blokes in county games scoring hundreds and taking bags of wickets who you know wouldn't have a hope of playing first-class cricket in Australia."

Border did at least offer a little comfort for England. "I think the four-day game is an advance," he said. "The cream will come to the top." Dexter, as one of the chief proponents of four-day cricket, naturally concurred. "I still believe it will help us produce a better breed of cricketer," he said. "But it does not happen overnight."

As far as the England team is concerned, the restructuring of the county game is the most useful achievement of Dexter's committee. The championship this season is being contested with a new purpose by teams who know, in all probability, they have one game a week to play to the death, rather than two a week, in which the positional shenanigans of the first two days might as well have been agreed over a beer in the bar, and often were.

There will, in time, be a new generation of players for whom each game is an occasion, just as it is for the Australians. Already, though, they are around, the thrusting youngsters whose way of playing has not been conditioned by "the soft form of the game", and Dexter's panel should be dismissed if a few are not introduced for the third Test at Trent Bridge next week.

Nobody should be surprised that neither Gooch nor Dexter chose to resign on Monday, however. This is a six-Test series, in which England are an unpromising two down after two matches. However asinine it was of Dexter to predict that his team might win 4-2, Gooch would be guilty of the defeatism he has identified in others if he gave up while the series remained alive.

As for Dexter, his contract stretches to next March and he may well see it out. But the most unattractive trait of a man, who cares far more deeply than his haughtiness suggests, is a refusal to acknowledge the accountability that his paid position carries, and if this summer continues as it has begun, he will be under intolerable pressure to go.

The Lord's Test left some sad images, and they were not all of England's hapless bowling and clueless batting. At a time when results are bad enough, it is incumbent on those involved with the team to avoid attracting additional scorn. This past week, they have failed abjectly.

Dexter, pondering on the failings of British sport, ought to have known better than to mention star signs, even as a hollow attempt at humour. The team manager, Keith Fletcher, ought to know that sitting on the team balcony sporting a pair of the gaudy sunglasses his players have taken to wearing does little for his credibility.

And if Chris Lewis really was advised by his county that it was in order for him to pose nude for a women's magazine, the game is madder than it appears. Lewis should not have been chosen for Lord's after his eccentric performance in the first Test. Nothing could justify persevering with him after a game in which he made two noughts, took two for 151 and was held up to ridicule.

At Old Trafford, English pride suffered on the field. At Lord's, it has suffered off the field, too, for cricket is being made to look foolish. When Dexter's selectors meet this weekend, their brief should be twofold. They must pick a more vibrant team, one less redolent of old failings, and they must have a close look at why the public, who pay their wages, do not know whether to laugh or cry.

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England have not been beaten Australia for 15 Test matches. It is the worst sequence since the series began in 1877, surpassing the 14-match run between the Brisbane Test of 1946-7 and Adelaide 1950-1. England's last victory against Australia was in December 1986 at Melbourne; the last in this country was at the Oval in August 1985. The present run of seven defeats is one short of the record.

1992	Pakistan	The Oval	10 wickets
1992-3	India	Calcutta	8 wickets
1992-3	India	Madras	Inns 22 runs
1992-3	India	Bombay	Inns 15 runs
1992-3	Sri Lanka	Colombo	5 wickets
1993	Australia	O Trafford	179 runs
1993	Australia	Lord's	Inns 62 runs

Most consecutive defeats

8	S Africa	Port Elizabeth 1888-9 to Cape Town 1898-9
8	England	Sydney 1920-1 to Leeds 1921
7	Australia	Melbourne 1884-5 to Sydney 1887-8
7	England	Lord's 1950 to Adelaide 1950-1
7	India	Leeds 1967 to Sydney 1967-8
7	England	Kingston 1985-6 to Leeds 1986
7	England	Oval 1992 to Lord's 1993

Graham Gooch's record as captain against Australia is: played 6, won 0, lost 4, drawn 2. He has now lost six of his last eight Test matches. During the run of seven successive defeats he missed the matches in Madras and Colombo, when the side was led by Alec Stewart.

Cheshire's brave resistance broken by Cairns

BY PETER BALL

WARRINGTON (Cheshire won toss): Nottinghamshire beat Cheshire by 62 runs

CHESHIRE had a brave morning, but in the end, like most minor county teams most of the time, they finally subsided quietly in the face of superior forces.

Without a significant contribution from their England all-rounder, Chris Lewis, Nottinghamshire instead were able to rely on their New Zealander, Chris Cairns, whose 64 separated the two sides.

With four wickets for 18 runs too, Cairns was the dominant figure of the game, making the choice of him as man of the match a forgone conclusion. By contrast, after his determined performances in India, Lewis now seems to have reverted to being accident prone, and yesterday he suffered a neck injury while he was warming up.

Unable to bowl, he batted for four balls before giving the left arm spinner, O'Brien, the second of three wickets caught and bowled. It was Lewis's third consecutive duck. He spent the rest of the day watching disconsolately, clad in a neck brace as his colleagues forged their way to victory on the beautiful tree-lined ground.

While Lewis was *hors de combat*, John Potts, once, like Lewis, a seam bowler on Leicestershire's books and now a master at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn, pinned down the Nottinghamshire batsmen with an impressively tight spell despite pulling a leg muscle only five overs into his allotted 12. For a time, an upset looked a distinct possibility as Potts and Peel found enough movement on a soft pitch to make batting look difficult.

When Potts dismissed Robinson with his final ball as the Nottinghamshire captain mistimed a pull, the first-class side was in some disarray and, for a time, the scoring rate almost came to standstill. Geoff Miller proved as miserly as in his England days, and both Crawley and O'Brien, the only minor county bowler to take a hat-trick in the competition, also bowled tightly from the Canal End.

But Cairns broke free after O'Brien failed to grasp a fierce return drive and the New Zealander also got the benefit of the doubt as he went for a sharp single and Cockbain threw down the stumps. With Archer an excellent foil in a stand of 81 in 20 overs, Cairns hit 64 off 85 balls with a degree of comfort no other batsman matched. That put the game out of Cheshire's reach, despite spirited resistance from the captain, Cockbain, who made a defiant 57.

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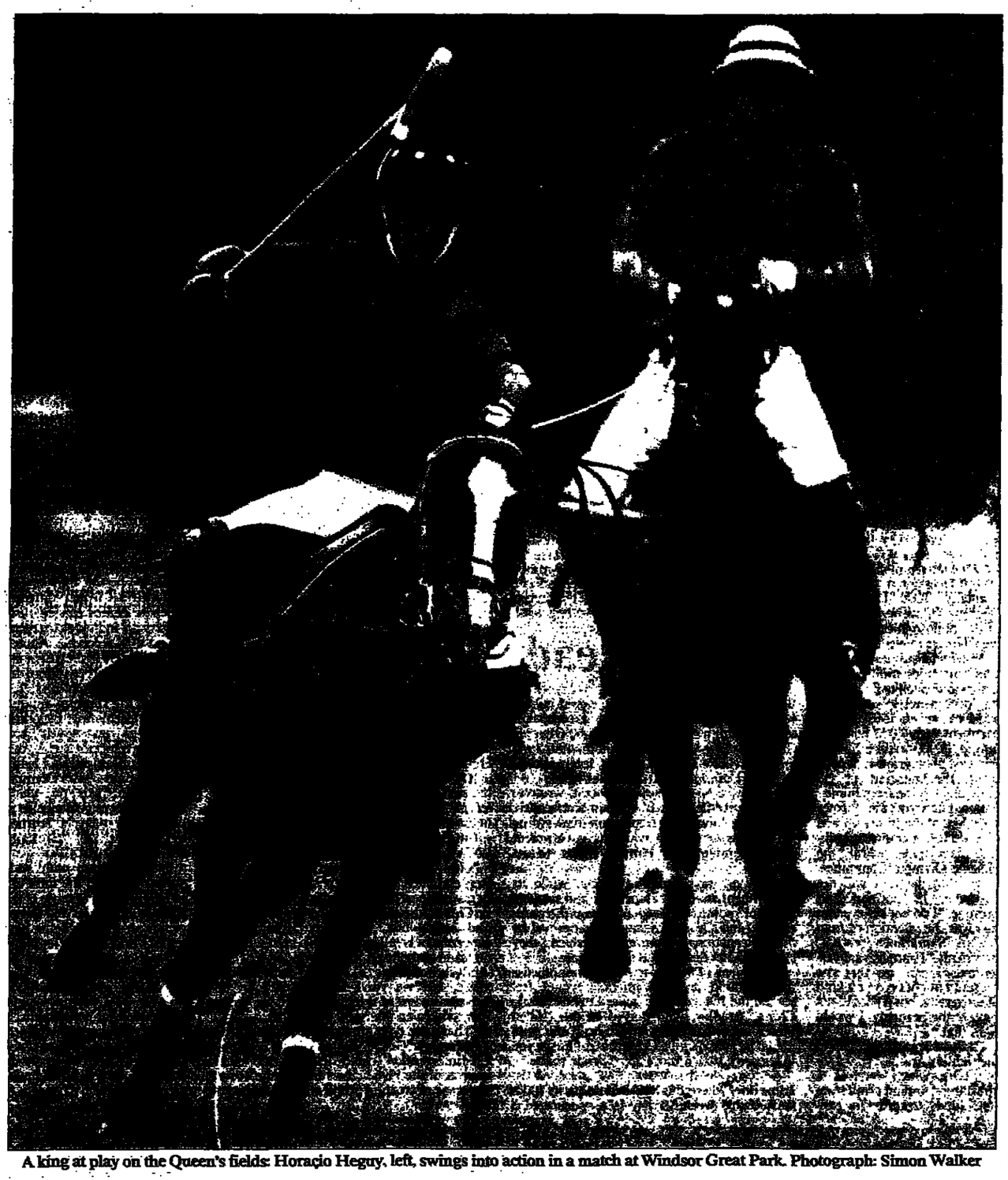
Polo's crown princes from the Pampas

Andrew Longmore on an Argentinian family with a special place in the follow-the-sun world of high-goal polo



A king at play on the Queen's fields: Horacio Heguy, left, swings into action in a match at Windsor Great Park. Photograph: Simon Walker

Even for a clannish sport like polo, the Heguys of Argentina are a dynastic phenomenon. Not so much a case of polo running in the family as a family running polo. Of the eight sons of two brothers, five are ten-goal players, which means they are the best in the sport, and two more are well on the way to the top.

For the millionaire patrons of the game, a phone call to the Heguy family farm on the plains of La Pampa yields the same return as whistling down a mineshaft for a fast bowler in cricket's golden days. For sociologists and sports administrators, the Heguys are living proof that age and environment are the keys to the production of champions. For Jilly Cooper, the brothers, neat, bandy-legged, single and bronzed as copper would form three bestsellers' worth of romantic interest.

In one sense, the most remarkable member of the family is Tomas, who chose to become an academic rather than a professional polo player. He still has a four-goal handicap, which is pretty decent to you and me, but mere kindergarten stuff for the rest of his family.

Conveniently, because a polo team has four members, the brothers are divided into two quartets. Horacio, Gonzalo, Marcos and Bautista are the sons of Horacio Snr, who won the Argentine Open, the Wimbledon of polo (according to the Argentinians, at least), a record 18 times. Eduardo, Alberto, Tomas and Ignacio are the sons of Alberto Snr, a ten-goal player who retired two years ago at the age of 51. There are no sisters. Back home, the two families compete against each other in tournaments or intermingle, representing Indios Chapaleufu.

"It is very easy to play together. We understand each other totally," Eduardo said. "With any of my brothers, I can close my eyes and know what he will do. We've played all our lives together and have had the same teachers." That also makes it tough to play against each other, quite apart from the small matter of family pride. "No one wants to lose, but I hope we all play fair. We are friends," he added. "I get angry," Horacio explained. "But you are allowed to get angry with your brothers, I think. When we are off te field it is forgotten." Immediately? "Well, sometimes it takes a day. We are very competitive."

The standards were set, skills honed, rules laid down on countless scorched afternoons on the 1,000-acre farm, 400 miles west of Buenos Aires, where the Heguy family have bred polo ponies for three generations. The brothers were riding before they could walk and hitting polo balls with sawn-off mallets before the age of three. Mistakes were punished by a swift thump on the back with a full-size mallet. "As children, we would spend whole holidays on horseback. When one horse was tired, we would find another. No helmets, no boots. My father shouted at us a lot, but he never put pressure on us. He taught us how to play good polo," Horacio said. What is good polo? "Fast, aggressive, smart." And worth a conservative £50,000 for an English season.

Unlike Argentina, where there is no limit, the maximum handicap for a team in England is 22, which effectively means only two of the ten-handicap Heguys can play for a team at one time. This summer, the twins, Horacio and Gonzalo, have been hired by the Labergorce team, Eduardo plays for Calumet Farm. This weekend, when the Davidoff Gold Cup for the British Open championship begins, two more are due to appear from Spain.

The imbalance between the standards of gentlemen and players and the delicate etiquette which requires victory, but also gentility and a touch of flattery, make English polo more demanding than the higher class competitions in Argentina. If there are two duffers in the side, it is tempting to keep the ball yourself; if one is paying your wages, it is wise to pass occasionally. Winning is demanded, but not at the expense of the patron's ego. Ideally, the hired hands will put the game beyond doubt before laying on a goal or two for the gifted amateurs.

"You have to control the game more here," Eduardo said. "With a team of good players, three others can help. The temptation is to do everything yourself, but you have to pass to the others and if the patron can score a goal, of course, you pass to him."

In September, the brothers will return home for the start of the Argentinian season where polo is televised and the Heguys receive far wider recognition. "We are not superstars like Sabatini or Maradona. But people know we are the family of polo."

Ruddock rejects offer of improved contract

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NEIL Ruddock, one of Terry Venables's most outspoken supporters in the bitter boardroom power struggle at Tottenham Hotspur, yesterday moved a step closer towards his threatened walkout at White Hart Lane. The Tottenham captain and central defender called a halt to contract talks with the new manager, Osvaldo Ardiles, and accused the club of reneging on the deal initially offered by Venables before his dismissal as chief executive.

Since Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, has said Ruddock would be granted a transfer request if "the terms and conditions [of a new contract] are beyond the capabilities that the club can afford", a number of clubs are expected to make an approach for the player, including the champions, Manchester United, Aston Villa and Liverpool.

Discussions on an improvement on Ruddock's current deal, which still has three years to run, came to an abrupt halt late on Monday evening when Ruddock rejected the offer made by Ardiles.

"We offered him a super, super deal, much better than his current contract," Ardiles said, "but every time we seemed to be close, his adviser seemed to put up another obstacle."

Ruddock said yesterday: "I feel as though I have been let down. They have gone back on the first offer and it has left a nasty taste in the mouth."

Ardiles did, however, succeed in one signing yesterday, bringing the former Tottenham and Ireland full back, Chris Hughton, back to the club in a coaching capacity. Hughton, who has been with West Ham United and Brentford, has yet to have his position in relation to the existing coaches, Doug Livermore and Ray Clemence, clarified.

Barnet's future as a Football League club appeared to be weaker than ever yesterday when a business consortium backed out of a deal to buy the club, blaming their action on the Football League's refusal to drop demands for a £500,000 bond required as a guarantee against the club's possible collapse. The League had given the new Barnet board until tomorrow to find the money or risk the club being thrown out of the competition.

Leeds United believe they will complete the signing of Duncan Ferguson, the Dundee United forward, by the end of the week after completing talks over the £3.25 million move yesterday. Personal terms have been agreed and Ferguson, 21, is now thinking over the move.

Talented Till faces tough test

ANDY Till, Britain's most improved boxer, faces another test tonight when he meets Laurent Boudouani, of France, the European light-middleweight champion, at Pickett's Lock, north London (Srikumar Sen writes).

Till turned professional with no more than a north-west London division title to his name and it seemed, until last year, that he would remain a small-hall crowd-pleaser, rising no higher than the southern area championship. But when he stopped Tony Collins, of Yateley, in three rounds and Wally Swift, of Nottingham, in four, to win the British title, he revealed technical insight nobody thought he had.

Boxing from behind a tight defence, he used his incredible physical and mental strength to turn basic technique into above average ability and walked through two extremely talented opponents. Those successes, together with his forbidding appearance, which gives him a kind of Jack Palance appeal, makes him exciting to watch.

He may find Boudouani a little above his class. He won a silver medal in the Seoul Olympics and lifted the European title by knocking out Claude Fontana, who outclassed Swift, in three rounds. But he has tended to look vulnerable under pressure.

☐ Colin McMillan, the former World Boxing Organisation featherweight champion from Barking, is considering making his comeback in Nimes, France, on July 31 — on the undercard of the Michael Nunn-Tony Thorton World Boxing Association super-middleweight title promotion — or on August 11 in Italy. McMillan lost his crown to Ruben Palacio, of Colombia, at Olympia in September, when he sustained a dislocated shoulder.

America considers challenging world

AN ANNUAL match between the United States and the rest of the world could be used to help raise the profile of athletics in America, where the sport's spectator interest is at odds with the country's standing as the No 1 competitive nation (David Powell writes).

Never has concern been greater at the scant attention that track and field receives from the American public, and a one-day fixture, packaged for television, would help to improve the position.

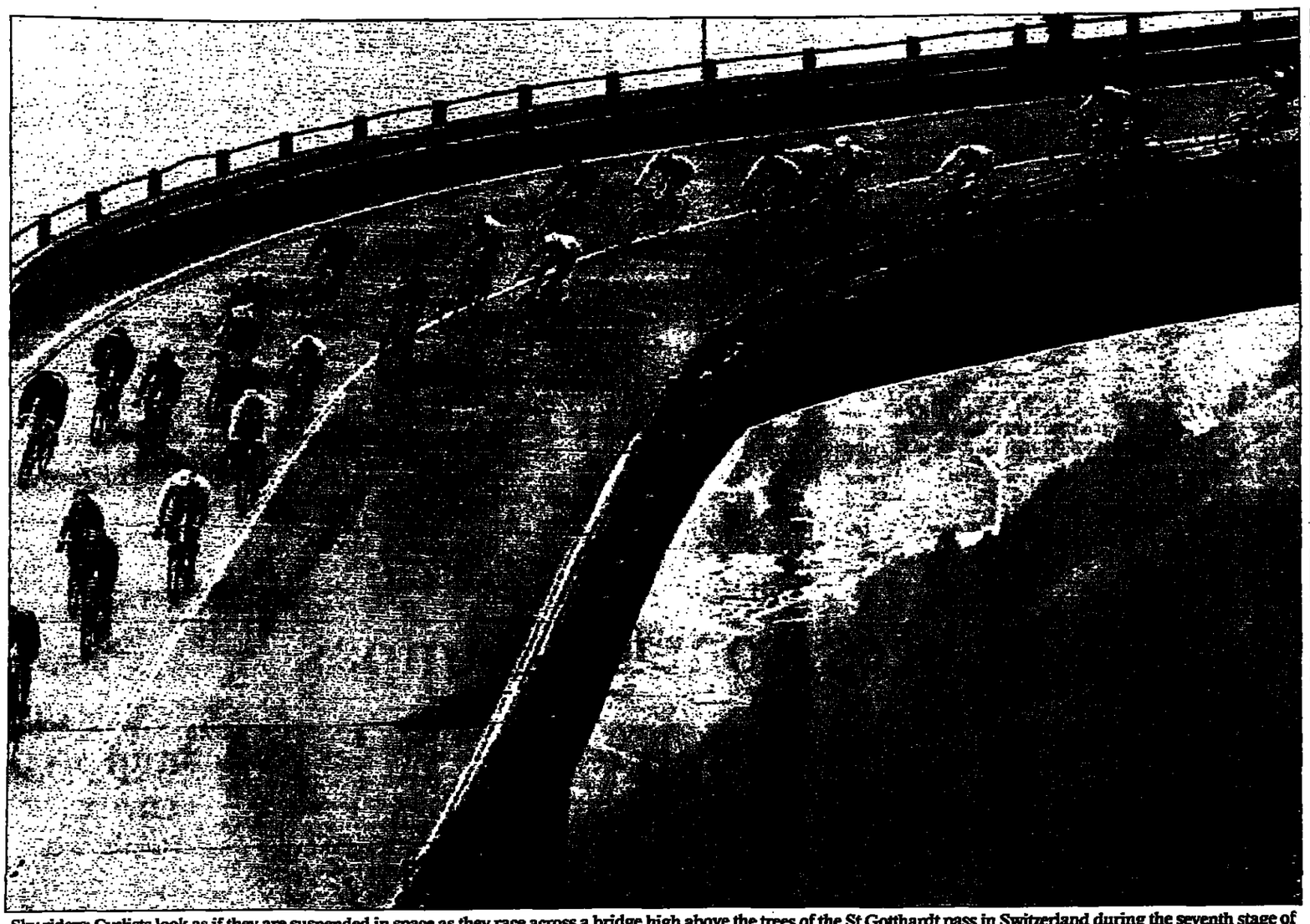
According to a survey quoted by ISL, the International Amateur Athletic Federation's marketing agency, athletics ranks only 24th among televised American sports, and during the world championship trials at Eugene, Oregon, a forum was called by USA Track and Field, the national governing body, to discuss ways of promoting interest.

The consensus was that meetings needed to be more consumer friendly, with the best events concentrated into a short time span and the least interesting either discarded or held before live television coverage begins.

The importance of television is underlined by the fact that Suzy Hamilton, a modest international 1,500 metres runner, is one of America's best-known athletes because she features in television commercials.

The International Management Group (IMG) is seeking to expand its involvement in athletics from its relatively small base of two meetings, and, according to John Mansoor, one of its consultants, a regular fixture between the United States and the rest might hold outstanding appeal. As special projects assistant to Ollan Cassell, the federation's executive director, Mansoor is well placed to see that the idea receives due consideration. With its own television arm, Transworld International, IMG might just be persuaded.

The best one-day athletics crowd in the United States, outside the Olympic Games, was for an international match, when 71,000 turned up at Stanford University for the visit of the Soviet Union in 1961. Mansoor estimated that just under $1 million would secure the services of the athletes to make it a fixture worthy of its billing. Once costs and receipts had been taken into consideration, some $500,000 in sponsorship would be needed.



Sky riders: Cyclists look as if they are suspended in space as they race across a bridge high above the trees of the St Gotthardt pass in Switzerland during the seventh stage of the *Tour de Suisse* yesterday. Rolf Jaermann, of Switzerland, won the stage, with Marco Saligari, of Italy, enjoying an overall lead of more than two minutes

Italians express doubts

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ALTHOUGH the World Cup finals will be well-organised by the United States next year, the event will still lack the traditional football atmosphere recognised elsewhere in the world, according to the president of the Italian soccer federation, Antonio Matarrese. After touring the United States with Arrigo Sacchi, the manager of the Italian national team, and attending the US Cup '93, Matarrese said yesterday that the finals may fall short of the expectations of countries that qualify.

"The atmosphere at a match in the United States is not right, or at least not what a European expects," he said. "It's a different atmosphere. The American public still looks at a game as a day out to eat popcorn and hot dogs. In Europe, the fans can't eat because their stomachs are closed up by the tension.

"The level of organization [for the World Cup] is very good. The level of structure is well advanced," he said. "Using indoor facilities is a typical American setup and solution, but I don't think it can be exported back to Europe."

Museum causes Olympic rivalry

David Miller visits the new £45m Games museum in Lausanne and sees a possible hurdle for the IOC

THE educational scope of the new £45 million Olympic museum, formally to be opened here today, could unintentionally lead to another controversy between Greece and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The versatility and breadth of the museum more than fulfils the original ambition of Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Games.

The likely problem is that schools, university students and researchers will come to view the museum, rather than the International Olympic Academy (IOA) at historic Olympia in western Greece, as the philosophical home of the Olympic movement.

With its 180seat auditorium, which includes multiple projectors and satellite links, plus the documentary section of archives, an audio-visual department with 7,000 hours of film, a 15,000-volume library and vast photographic department, the museum is the academic's home from home.

Nikos Filaretos, the former president of the IOA who was deposed last year during political *manoeuvres within the* Helenic Olympic Committee, hopes that the IOA will not surrender its position and prestige. "I do not believe that this was the intention of Juan Antonio Samaranch [the IOC *president].*" Filaretos said yesterday. "I can see that the museum might become a kind of university, but it should not replace the academy. I would fight that."

Filaretos is still a member of the administrative board of the IOA, which receives a substantial annual grant from IOC funds towards its running of seminars, predominantly for young people. The ambience of the academy at the home of the ancient games is without equal for those who have been fortunate to attend its courses, but its inaccessibility renders it vulnerable to the contemporary counter-attractions offered by the new museum.

The problem for the IOC, of as yet uncertain dimension, is the annual maintenance cost of the museum with its high levels of technology. The initial estimate is £5 million per annum. The museum, partially a joint venture with the city council — which administers the parkland site beside Lake Geneva — *is not intended to be* profit-making, admission prices offering big concessions to children and students, including a subsidised hostel.

The IOC has set aside, from its substantial reserves, a sum sufficient, it is hoped, to provide interest from which to meet running costs. Almost inevitably These will exceed initial estimates. Air conditioning, environmentally controlled by cool water drawn from the lake, is the most innovative of any museum. It is imperative that the IOC establishes commercial relationships with major travel agencies that can attract visitors *from America and Japan* when touring in Europe.

With many priceless artefacts and paintings — including 5,000-year-old Chinese antiquities. Turkish icons and Greek statues and ceramics, together with paintings by Gainsborough, Turner and Kirchner — the insurance value is £300 million: the finest exhibition ever mounted in Lausanne.

Many items are on loan from the six cities bidding to host the 2000 Games, and it is a feature of the museum that some exhibits will change at intervals.

The technology, much of it *donated by Japanese benefac*tors, is breathtaking. At the touch of a button, films of past performers from different Olympic games can be summoned on individual screens within 15 seconds. Almost three quarters of the cost of the museum has been borne by international benefactors.

Some of the sporting antiquities are fascinating, including bobsleighs on which you would be reluctant to risk your limbs on Hampstead Heath, never mind an Olympic course. The skis on which Killy won three gold medals in 1968 would today be scorned by many a package *holidaymaker.*

Yet more than with such novelty exhibits, the museum creates an historic sense of the passage of time as the Olympics moved through the past century and there is an inspirational aura when walking around the marble halls that owe as much to the initiative of Luis Monreal, the museologist responsible for the contents. It is the realisation of an objective pursued by Samaranch for 13 years and no one with sport in their soul should miss an opportunity to pay a visit to a unique institution.

Bradley leads China protest

BILL Bradley, a former Olympic gold medal-winner, has joined the growing campaign against Beijing's bid to host the 2000 Olympic Games. But the US senator's comments drew a prompt rebuke from a leading International Olympic Committee (IOC) official.

Bradley, a New Jersey Democrat, wrote to the IOC president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, expressing "my strong opposition to awarding the Games to Beijing while its government *denies fundamental human rights to its* citizens.

"Holding the Games in China, while its government routinely imprisons and tortures peaceful political dissidents, would confer upon China's leaders a stamp of approval by the international community which they clearly do not deserve," Bradley wrote.

"As a former Olympian, I want to emphasise the profound disappointment I would feel should the IOC decide to award the Games to China" Bradley, who played in the United States basketball team which won the gold medal in Tokyo in 1964, continued. "I urge you to choose another, more appropriate venue."

A copy of the letter was obtained in Lausanne, where the IOC is holding its 100th session this week.Bradley is a sponsor of a resolution introduced in the Senate urging rejection of Beijing's bid. A similar resolution has been passed by a Congressional subcommittee and is expected to be adopted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

IOC officials reacted angrily last weekend to the resolutions, describing them as American-led political interference similar to theboycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

Bradley's letter drew a sharp reply from the *IOC vice-president, Kevan Gosper.*

"How can the Senate and House of Representatives take this position after recently giving most-favoured-nation trading status to China?" he said. "This seems inconsistent and ambiguous. It sounds as if the US government is talking with two voices — one on trade and one on the Olympics."

"Everybody has a right to express their views, but we can't be pressured by the American view of things," Gosper, an Australian, said in an interview.

"That's the type of situation that led to the 1980 boycott."Gosper suggested that continued US intervention could lead to a Chinese boycott of the 1996 Games in Atlanta."It's got the seeds of creating problems for Atlanta," he said.

BRIEF

Campaign warns of temptation of drugs

AN ANTI-drugs campaign aimed at educating athletes against using banned substances was launched yesterday. The British Athletic Federation's "Don't Be A Dope" campaign hopes to persuade athletes at all levels that they must resist the temptation to use performance-enhancing drugs. The federation plans to circulate a range of material covering rules relating to drugs testing, details of banned substances and alternative medical cures to Britain's leading 600 athletes, as well as the 2,000 clubs and athletics organisations throughout the country.

"It saddens me that the not inconsiderable sums of money expended on drug testing cannot be used in a more positive way in the development of our sport," the federation spokesman, Tony Ward, said. The programme is being directed by Dr Nick Whitehead, a former Great Britain team manager and a member of the federation's drug advisory group.

Freestyle feature

SWIMMING: Mark Foster, Nils Rudolph, Stephan Caron and Mike Fibbens — four of the fastest men in water — race over 50 metres freestyle in the highlight of the inaugural meeting of the £8 million Grand Central Complex in Stockport on Saturday. Foster, of Britain, is the only one not to have won a leading championship sprint despite being the world short-course record holder.

Rudolph is the European *champion, Caron the* world silver medal winner and Fibbens the European bronze medal winner from Foster's north London club, Barnet Copthall. The Grand Central has a 50-metre pool and, with most pools 25 metres (short-course) in length, it makes a welcome addition to Britain's meagre long-course facilities.

Sheffield hosts play-off

ICE HOCKEY: Great Britain will meet Poland, Japan, Latvia and Slovakia in a round-robin competition at Sheffield Arena from August 28 to September 4, with the top team qualifying for the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, next year. Scott Neil, a *Great Britain player* for more than 10 years, said: "If anyone had suggested a year ago that we would be taking part in an Olympic play-off, it would have been thought of as pie in the sky. But the players feel that we have a chance, particularly with the support we will get in Sheffield."

Larson fleet of sail

YACHTING: Chris Larson, the American sailmaker who finished second at last year's J24 world championship, led the British championship at Abersoch yesterday after finding the shifty conditions to his liking during the first three days of racing (Barry Pickthall writes). Counting a fourth and two firsts, Larson and his crew, which includes the British Olympic yachtsman, Andy Hemmings, led David Ellis by five points. Ian Southworth, the defending champion, who was disqualified from Sunday's race for making a premature start, was seventh.

Stevens surrenders

BOWLS: John Stevens, the treasurer of the World Indoor Bowls Council, lost 21-20 to John Trueman, of Lynton and Lynmouth, in the Weston-super-Mare open singles tournament yesterday, having surrendered a 20-16 lead. Vic Haskins, of Bristol St George, a regular Gloucestershire county skip until he broke both legs in an accident two years ago, appeared to be on the way to victory against Mike Smith, of Page Park, one of his most promising successors in the county side, when he led 14-10. However, he allowed *Smith to collect eight shots in six ends* and lost 21-18.

Pieterse withdraws

ATHLETICS: Zola Pieterse, right, has withdrawn from the African championships, which start today, because of illness. Wilfred Daniels, the South Africa coach, said he did not know if Pieterse, who ran for Britain in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, would be available for the world championships in Stuttgart in August. "All we know is that she is ill and will not be taking part here," Daniels said.

Dismissals go down

RUGBY LEAGUE: The number of players sent off last season was the lowest since the Rugby Football League launched its annual disciplinary review in 1980. Only 90 players were *dismissed in nearly 600* first-class games, 37 fewer than the previous season and one less than the previous lowest total of 91 in 1989-90. Five clubs — Blackpool, Bradford Northern, Chorley, Hull Kingston Rovers and Salford — did not have a player sent off, while Highfield registered the most sendings-off with seven.

Polish clubs fined

FOOTBALL: Four Polish clubs have been fined for allegedly rigging the matches that decided the country's championship on Sunday. Legia Warsaw and LKS Lodz were levied on *points on the final day* and both won by a six-goal margin, Legia beating Wisla Krakow 6-0 and Lodz overcoming Olimpia Poznan 7-1. Legia won the league on goal difference. Although the national federation has fined the four clubs 500 million zlotys (about £20,000) each, the punishments were criticised with headlines describing the decision as "putting a plaster on a dirty wound".

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; St Louis Cardinals 4, Florida Marlins 3; Atlanta Braves 8, Philadelphia Phillies 1; New York Mets 8, Montreal Expos 3; Colorado Rockies 5, Cincinnati Reds 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 7, Houston Astros 0; San Francisco Giants 2, San Diego Padres 1.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 3, Milwaukee Brewers 0; Boston Red Sox 6, Minnesota Twins 3; Chicago White Sox 7, Texas Rangers 6; California Angels 4, Kansas City Royals 3; Oakland Athletics 5, Seattle Mariners 3.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: First round: Group A (in Karlsruhe). Russia 99, Bosnia-Herzegovina 77, Spain 72, Sweden 49. Group B (in Berlin): Croatia 104, Bulgaria 89; France 89, Turkey 55. Qualifying round (in Zalaegerszeg, Hungary): England 98 (S Bucknall 23, P Scandebury 15), Albania 77.

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Southampton: Hampshire 294-8 (R M F Cox 98, W S Kendall 72, R S M Morris 66); Somerset 115. Hampshire won by 179 runs. Edgbaston: Warwickshire 229-7 (Asif Din 101; J E Brinkley 3-32); Worcestershire 223-9 (M J Weston 77; M A V Bell 4-38). Warwickshire won by 6 runs. Worksop College: Nottinghamshire 240-2 (D W Randall 107, W A Dessaur 84); Yorkshire 188 (M P Vaughan 51). Nottinghamshire won by 54 runs.
OTHER MATCHES: (55 overs) Army 210-6 (O'Kelly 65, Cotterill 52); Sussex II 145 (Cotterill 4-19). (50 overs) Cambridge University 212-3, Club Cricket Conference Under-25 XI 213-6 (S Brewster 104 not out, A Small 100 not out).
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Mill Hill 218, *"St Paul's 183-8; MCC 193-8, *Oakham 145-8 (B Needham 5-63).

BOWLS

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Open tournament: Singles: Second round: Section A: S O'Connell (St Andrews) bt P K Chudley (Redland Green), 21-8; S Stockham (Redland Green), 21-9; K Nelson (Frome) bt Redland Green) bt K Nelson (Frome Selwood), 21-15; E J Truesman (Lynton and Lynmouth) bt J Stevens (Westlands Sports), 21-20; M Dare (Kings Torquay) bt R Higgins (Clarence), 21-13; M Smith (Page Park) bt V Huskins (Bristol St George), 21-18; C Moger (Wells) bt A Parsons (Malvern), 21-19; R Lampard (Bristol) bt M Powell (Hereford), 21-14; J Nester (Rugby) bt J Green (Page Park), 21-12; B Cullen (Ashcombe) bt J Ung (St Andrews), 21-8; E Hodge (Bristol Greenbank) bt J Brown (Victoria Park), 21-7; M Davis (Weston Victoria) bt M Pearce (Newton Abbot), 21-10; S Gall (Bath) bt S Lloyd (Worcester), 21-6; R Clements (Redland Green) bt E Saunders (British Cellophane), 21-7; D Gregory (Portishead RBL) bt D Bailey (Ashcombe), 21-7; M Mills (British Cellophane) bt A Gingell (PBA), 21-8; A Edwards (British Cellophane) bt T Duffy (Bridgewater), 21-8.

Section B: R Billington (British Cellophane) bt D Ponter (Gloucester City), 21-13; E Fielding (Bridgewater) bt K Binns (Beechwood), 21-14; W Jones (Hereford) bt L Robson (Bristol St George), 21-18; T Clifford (Keynsham) bt R Smith (Church Gresley), 21-12; A Miles (Bristol St George) bt L Phillips (Leamington Spa), 21-14; A E Tarrant (Weston, Bath) bt J Gallars (Hereford), 21-8; P Evans (Stewart) bt R Friend (Deal), 21-14; D Baigent (Ashcombe) bt B Deverill (Westbackwell), 21-13; R Coles (Ashcombe) bt J Ross (Beachwood), 21-5; A Agosy (Bristol) bt R Trueman (Lynton and Lynmouth), 21-3; R *Ajhurst (Southampton) bt M H Edwards* (Ashcombe), 21-2; J Withers (Bath) bt J Feltham (Bristol St George), 21-14; R Morris (Cheltenham Wheddon) bt M Solle (Fry's), 21-12; B Starr (Burnham-on-Sea) bt E L Barnes (Redland Green), 21-14; G Lane (Beechwood) bt L Barnes (Redland Green), 21-18.
Triples: First round: P Spriggs (Imperial) bt F Smith (Henbury), 14-9; W Britton (Imperial) bt C Pearce (Portishead RBL), 15-10; G Allen (Northaven) bt D Knowles (Malvern Victoria), 16-15; T Bunn (St Andrews) bt G Britton (Bristol), 14-10; B Champion (Port of *Bristol Authority) bt G Luxton (Clarence),* 14-12; D Akter (Victoria) bt D Morgan (Victory Park), 23-20; G Bacon (British Cellophane) bt W Ferrie (Ashcombe), 17-13; J Williams (Nailsworth) bt W Davy (Clevedon), 19-14; H Bennett (Imperial) bt D Farrington (Fry's), 14-11; J Hobday (West Backwell) bt B Cotterell (Clarence), 25-5; R Gazzard (Kingswood and Henham) bt R Dray (Redland Green), 15-9; L Hall (Chesdon) bt B Rickards (Knowle Park), 25-11; B Heal (Victoria) bt J Feltham (Bristol St George), 24-14; M Powell (Hereford) bt M Stocker (Victoria), 17-16; G Maguire (Henleaze) bt L Millward (Hereford), 12-10.

CYCLING

ISLE OF MAN INTERNATIONAL WEEK: Open 25-mile TT: 1, G Obree (Leo RC), *51min 10sec; 2, W Moore (Leo RC), 56:02;* 3, J Gladwell (Velo RT), 57:14; 4, I Griffiths (Aberaswenny RC), 57:42; 5, V Gorman (RAF CC), 58:00; 6, R Brewer (Lincoln Wheelers), 58:45. Team: RAF CC (3 riders), 2:58:26. Women's 25-mile TT: 1, M Purvis (Manx Viking Wh), 1hr 0min 7sec (event record); 2, Y McGregor (Bradford Olympic), 1:02:18; 3, L Boardman (Birkenhead North End CC), 1:05:02. Teams: Coventry RC (two riders), 2:27:41. Veterans' 25-mile TT: 1, L Foster (Border City Wh), 57.16; 2, S Pilsworth (Bristol South CC), 59.49; 3, S Sumter (Condor RC), 1:00.25. Age-related: *R Allen (Ellan Vannin CC),* 1:02.11 (+1:53s). Team: Ellan Vannin CC (two riders), +2:20.52.
TOUR OF PUGLIA, Italy: First stage (Noicattaro to Molfetta, 165km): 1, E Leoni (it), 4:10.07; 2, D Konychev (Russ); 3, S Martinello (it), both same time. Second stage (Canosa to Alberona, 196km): 1, G Calcaterra (it), 5:28:43; 2, M Podenzana (it), at 1sec; 3, A Hampsten (US), 3. Third stage (Carignola to Cristiano, 187km): 1, G Perini (it), 4hr 18min 14sec; 2, F Fontanelli (it), at 2sec; 3, S Blasci (it), same time. Overall: 1, Calcaterra, 15:07:54; 2, Podenzana, at 2sec; 3, Hampsten, 7.
TOUR OF SWEDEN: Sixth stage (Helmstad to Kungsbacka, 181km): 1, T Wilhelms (Ger), 5:06:04; 2, M Sciandri (it); 3, A Pfaffley (Lat); 4, S Yates (GB), all same time. Overall: 1, P Anderson (Aus), 24:22:24; 2, F *Moreau (Fr), at 2s; 3, L Armstrong (US),* at 1:05. British placings: 9, Yates, at 4:13.
TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Eighth stage: 1, P Richard (Switz), 5hr 49min 39sec; 2, Z Jaskula (Pol), at 1min 25sec; 3, P Tonkov (Russ), 1:29 Overall: 1, M Saligari (It), 35hr 7min 18sec; 2, R Jaermann (Switz), at 2:16; 3, E Bouwmans (Holl), 2:25.

GLIDING

BORLANGE, Sweden: World championships: Seventh day: Open (353.9km poly): 1, J Andersen (D), N4, 124.80kph, 934pts; 2, E Mozer (US), N4, 122.67, 902; 3, G Spreckley (GB), AS+25, 122.55, 900; 4, A Key (GB), AS+25, 121.67, 887; 5, U Schwenk (Ger), ASW22, 121.35, 882; 6, S Wajczak (Pol), ASW22, 121.12, 879. Overall (provisional): 1, G Ax (Swe), ASW22, 6,101pts; 2, J Cenkis (Pol), ASW22, 5,985; 3, Andersen (Den), 5,960; 4, Spreckley (GB), 5,910; 5, Key (GB), 5,784; 6, I Renner (Australia), ASW22, 5,739. 15m (337.7km poly): *1 equal, G Galotto (it), LS8 and A* Pettersson (Swe), LS6, 113.4kph, 991pts; 3, B Edwards (Australia), LS8, 112.81, 980; 4, M Dedera (Czechia), Ventus C, 112.03, 967; 5, O Goudriaan (SA), Ventus C, 111.73, 962; 6, J Wills (GB), LS8, 111.41, 956; 23 equal, M Wells (GB), LS6, 101.04, 780. Overall (provisional): 1, E Napoleon (Fr), LS8, 5,861pts; 2, Pettersson (Swe), 5,675; 3equal P Driessen (NZ), Ventus and S Kuusisto (Fin), Ventus C, 5,612; 5, H Obermayer (Ger), Ventus, 5,573; 6, W Janowitsch (Austria), Ventus B, 5,442; 15, Wills (GB), 5,229; 27, Wells (GB), 4,783. Standard (302.6km Poly): 1, A Davis (GB), Discus, 111.01kph, 890pts; 2, P Fischer (Ger), Discus, 110.17, 878; 3, M Pozniak (Pol), SZD55, 108.18, 851; 4, D Watt (GB), ASW24, 107.51, 842; 5, K Sorensen (USA), Discus, 107.39, 840; 6 equal J Jaime (Sp), Discus, 106.74 and T Rubaj (Pol), SZD55, 105.70, 831; 24, C Rollings (GB), SZD55, 101.81, 764. Overall (provisional): 1, A Davis (GB), 5,559pts; 2, E Borgmann (Holl), Discus, 5,402; 3, Rubaj (Pol), 5,255; 4, J Sorri (Fin), LS7, 5,194; 5, J Stepanek (Czechia), Diecus, 5,161; 6, J-C Lopiteux (Fr), Cyrstal, 5,002; 19, Watt (GB), 4,788.

FOOTBALL

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group B: Chile 3, Brazil 2; Peraguay 1, Peru 1.

GOLF

HAKUI, Japan: Open Championship: Asia/Japan qualifying tournament (Japan unless stated): Final scores: 137: Y Mizumaki, 66, 71. 138: T Fukuzawa, 70, 68. 139: R Kawaguchi, 70, 69. 140: K Tomori, 70, 70; N Sugai, 66, 74. Non-qualifiers: 141: P Head (GB), 72, 69; F Matsutaka, 69, 72; K Murota, 68, 72.
LAUSANNE: Leman International Senior Trophy: Second round (GB unless stated): 141: P Ferraoli (US), 71, 70; V Tshebalala (SA), 71, 70. 142: R Sola (Sp), 70, 72; N Coles, 72, 70; J-M Roca (Sp), 69, 73; C Evans (US), 68, 74. 143: J Garraiada (Fr), 71, 72. 144: D Snell, 72, 72; D Jimenez (US), 72, 72. 145: D Butler, 72, 73; H Boyle, 70, 75; H Muscroft, 71, 74; M Murphy (Ire), 71, 74.

MOTOR RALLYING

SEVEN DALBY RALLY (Yorkshire): 1, T Davies (Metro 6R4), 1hr 10min 54sec; 2, N Horne (Escort), 1:13:18; 3, M O'Doherty (Peugeot 205), 1:16:28.
STAGES RALLIES: Welter Wheels (Surrey): 1, N Thompson (Sierra Cosworth), 48min 58sec; 2, D Manchester (Escort), *47:33;* 3, *P King (Escort), 48:04.* Charity Challenge (Lancashire): 1, N Worswick (Sierra Cosworth), 51:46; 2, T Worswick (Ferrari 308), 52:13; 3, I Joel (Escort), 52:56.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Hawke's Bay 29, British Isles XV 17 (in Napier); Northern Transvaal 38, France XV 19 (in Pretoria).

YACHTING

ABERSOCH: Henri-Lloyd J24 national championship: First race: 1, Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy (D Ellis); 2, Plastic Bag (I Southworth); 3, Jeriatic (D Bedford). Second race: 1, Writing Instruments (C Larson, US); 2, Grouse (S Pender); 3, Gossip (T McCleay). Third race: 1, Writing Instruments; 2, Plastic Bag; 3, D'Algeridoo (T Spalding). Overall: 1, Writing Instruments, 6.5pts; 2, Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy, 10.75; 3, Convicts on Tour (N Whipp), 19.

CRICKET

Tour match
11.30 to 6.30 (first day of three)
THE PARKS: Oxford and Cambridge Universities v Australians
OTHER MATCH: Lord's: MCC v Melbourne CC (one day, 11 to 6.30).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: European light-middleweight championship: Andy Till (GB) v Laurent Boudouani (Fr) (at Pickett's Lock, London).
TENNIS: Wimbledon: All England championships.

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BASSARID
(a) A Thracian bacchanal, a bacchante, adapted from the Greek *bassaris,* a Thracian bacchanal, literally a fox-girl, probably from their dress of fox-skins. *bassara* a fox; Swinburne, *Atalanta in Calydon:* "And Pan by noon and Bacchus by night, fills with delight The Maenad and the Bassarid."

IZZAT
(b) Honour, reputation, credit, prestige. Urdu, adaption of the Arabic *izzah* glory: "Man can but die once, and if I die in Oude, after having saved some poor fellow's hearths, or skins, or izzat (reputation), I shall have no reason for discontent."

FREMESCENCE
(a) An incipient roaring, as if adapted from the Latin *fremescentem,* present participle of *fremescere,* the frequentative verb from *fremere* to roar; Carlyle, *French Revolution:* "Confused tremor and fremescence: waxing into thunderpeals of Fury stirred on by Fear."

TEMPS
(a) A term used in the names of various ballet movements in which there is no transfer of weight from one foot to another, from the French *temps* time: "I do not know which particular temps is a battement and which a ronde de jambe."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White ignores the attack on his rook and marches on with 1 Kg5! Bxd7 2 Kh6 and Qg7 mate follows.

Batting

Qualification: 6 completed innings

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
D C Boon	8	8	1	712	164*	101.71	4	2
M J Slater	7	11	2	704	152	78.22	2	6
D R Martyn	5	6	0	415	136	69.16	2	2
N J Llong	6	7	1	398	118*	66.33	2	1
G A Gooch	7	12	1	702	133	63.81	2	5
D L Haynes	5	7	1	368	115	61.33	1	2
M C J Nicholas	7	10	4	364	78	60.66	—	3
M E Waugh	7	9	0	511	178	56.77	1	4
N Hussain	8	11	1	565	152	56.50	3	1
M P Maynard	8	12	1	617	145	56.09	2	3
A J Stewart	6	11	1	558	127	55.80	2	3
R J Bailey	7	12	3	502	200	55.77	1	2
M N Lathwell	6	11	0	606	132	55.27	1	4
H Morris	9	16	2	761	134*	54.35	3	4
I V A Richards	8	15	4	598	109*	53.45	1	4
A P Wells	8	12	1	581	130	52.81	2	3
D Byas	8	12	2	527	156	52.70	1	3
M A Atherton	9	15	1	731	137	52.21	2	3
G A Hick	7	11	1	516	187	51.60	2	2
T S Curtis	8	13	1	614	113	51.16	2	3

Bowling

Qualification: 20 wickets

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
A P Igglesden	227.5	58	528	33	16.00	6-58	2	1
Waqar Younis	159.2	38	464	27	17.18	6-43	3	—
K E Cooper	167.1	69	352	20	17.60	5-83	1	—
S K Warne	310.5	115	725	40	18.12	6-91	1	—
M J McCague	151.5	39	410	22	18.63	5-33	2	—
M P Bicknell	264	73	659	35	18.82	6-43	3	1
D G Cork	178.3	42	398	20	19.80	3-21	—	—
S L Watkin	354.5	91	966	48	20.12	5-71	2	—
N F Williams	181.2	27	524	26	20.15	6-61	1	—
T B A May	221	71	498	24	20.75	4-75	—	—
E E Hemmings	288.3	84	692	33	20.97	7-31	2	1
J E Benjamin	343.5	63	663	31	21.38	4-98	—	—
R P Davis	279	86	611	28	21.82	7-127	2	1
M G Field-Buss	190.3	71	446	20	22.30	6-42	1	—
J E Emburey	284.1	88	518	23	22.52	4-15	—	—
K M Curran	191.2	54	525	23	22.82	5-38	1	—
A R Caddick	223.1	51	800	35	22.85	9-92	3	3
R P Lefebvre	324.1	103	698	30	22.93	4-70	—	—
R K Illingworth	212	56	518	21	24.71	6-28	1	—
P J Martin	193.2	60	510	20	25.50	5-35	1	—

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Hernando bound for Curragh

By Julian Muscat

STAVROS Niarchos, the owner of Hernando, has thrown down the gauntlet to Commander In Chief's connections in Sunday's Budweiser Irish Derby. Hernando worked well at Chantilly yesterday and will face a maximum of ten opponents.

In the hands of big-race jockey, Cash Asmussen, Hernando was tested by four lead horses on the Les Aigles gallop. The French Derby winner moved sweetly once given his head and was well in command at the finish.

However, as the Niarchos entourage contemplated an intriguing clash with the Epsom Derby winner, news filtered through that Commander In Chief's owner, Khaled Abdulla, could also be represented by Regency. The colt finished just over five lengths fifth to Hernando, on unsuitably fast ground, when favourite for the French Derby earlier this month.

Alan Cooper, Niarchos's racing manager, acknowledged the threat posed by Regency when he said: "His presence is interesting. We're not quite sure what to expect." For his part, Abdulla's racing manager, Grant Pritchard-Gordon, intends to keep the rival camp guessing until a firm decision is made, probably tomorrow.

The going at the Curragh, currently on the soft side, will influence that decision. "We have the option of the Grand Prix de Paris [also on Sunday] for Regency. At the moment the ground is more suitable in Ireland," Pritchard-Gordon explained. "Regency and Commander In Chief could run in Ireland."

Regency is quoted at 7-1 by Hills, who offer Commander In Chief at evens with Hernando at 7-4.

Commander In Chief will complete his preparation with a full-scale workout at Newmarket this morning. He will need to be at his best to resist Hernando's late thrust, but the Derby winner is reported to have thrived since Epsom.

This year's Irish Derby has a similar feel to 1991, when Generous's relentless gallop drew the sting from Suave Dancer's finish on rain-softened ground. On that occasion, Asmussen, Suave Dancer's regular partner, was absent through injury. The American is looking forward to Sunday's race with relish.

"I rode in the Derby and I was impressed with Commander In Chief," he said yesterday. "But in winning the French Derby Hernando quickened like a great horse."

Asmussen's best placing in the Curragh classic came aboard the Vincent O'Brien-trained Entitled, who was third in 1987, a year the jockey would prefer to forget. His one-season stint with O'Brien coincided with the Ballydoyle string suffering the effects of a debilitating virus.

Should Regency stay in France to contest the Grand Prix de Paris, he could face stiff British competition, including the Luca Cumani-trained Barathea, winner of the Irish 2,000 Guineas.

French challenger: Hernando and big-race partner Cash Asmussen seek a Derby double at the Curragh on Sunday

Nap: Baron Ferdinand (3.30 Salisbury)
Nb: The Flying Phantom (6.45 Kempton)

SALISBURY

THUNDERER
2.00 Alzianah. 2.30 Sooty Tern. 3.00 Very Dicey. 3.30 Raneen Alwatar. 4.00 Lugano. 4.30 Alinova. 5.00 Commanche Creek.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Raneen Alwatar.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS BEST IN SPRINTS

2.00 EBF WEYHILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,817: 5f) (12 runners)

1 4 ALZIANAH 72 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 ... D Harrison (3) 12
2 CHILLY TIME P Murphy 8-11 ... J Williams 4
3 6 CHINA ROBIN 30 P Walwyn 8-11 ... R Cochrane 9
4 IT'S SO EASY M Channon 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 5
5 2330 JADE PET 5 R Hannon 8-11 ... J Reid 3
6 546 MARJORIE'S MEMORY 12 M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 ... W Ryan 10
7 MARJORIE'S ORCHID M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 ... D Holland 8
8 MIRIAM M Pattenson-Godley 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 1
9 NATURAL PATH M McCormack 8-11 ... W Carson 11
10 2 ROBIN LAKE 11 I Balding 8-11 ... L Dettori 7
11 0 SILVER SLIPPER 33 R Hannon 8-11 ... D Gibbs (7) 2
12 WIDE OUTSIDE G Moore 8-11 ... B Rouse 6

7-4 Robin Lake, 4-1 Jade Pet, 5-1 Alzianah, 11-2 Marjorie's Memory, 7-1 Silver Slipper, 12-1 China Robin, 16-1 It's So Easy, Miriam, 20-1 others.

2.30 MARTIN CLAIMING HANDICAP (£2,826: 1m) (18)

1 00-3 AMBASSADOR ROYALE 11 (F) M Williams 5-10-0 J Williams 15
2 4032 PRINCE RODNEY 9 (CD,F,G) R Hannon 4-10-0 ... W Carson 7
3 0240 MEXICAN DANCER 9 (D,G,S) P Murphy 4-9-9 .. S Drowne (7) 4
4 -052 ROLY WALLACE 15 (B,CD,F) K Ivory 4-9-9 ... M Wigham 3
5 5422 DANCING BEAU 11 (BF,G) S Dow 4-9-6 ... J Reid 14
6 6469 CHANDIGARH 26 R Lee 5-9-6 ... Dale Gibson 10
7 0005 ELEGANT TOUCH 11 (D,F) M Pipe 4-9-6 ... D Harrison (7) 17
8 0-04 WILD STRAWBERRY 15 (G) Miss Gaselee 4-9-4 ... B Rouse 1
9 0000 SLEEPLINE FANTASY 18 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 8-9-2 ... L Dettori 18
10 0/00 SAFE ARRIVAL 19 (B) D Morris 5-9-2 ... C Hodgson (5) 16
11 -004 LORD OBERON 11 (B,D,F,B) J Akehurst 5-9-1 .. R Cochrane 11
12 0-50 BY ARRANGEMENT 122 (D,F,G) S Woodman 4-9-1 Pat Eddery 8
13 2300 NAVARESQUE 14 (D,BF) R Hodges 8-9-1 ... A Munro 5
14 -004 AEDEAN 12 (G) C Horgan 4-8-13 ... T Williams 2
15 2231 SOOTY TERN 8 (D,F,G) J Bradley 6-8-13 ... Mark Denaro (7) 9
16 0144 SAREEN EXPRESS 11 (C,D,B) Mrs J Bawa 5-8-13 .. A Tucker 6
17 0000 MAPLE BAY 22 (B) K White 4-8-12 ... W Newnes 12
18 50/ ABSOLUTELY HUMMING 1175 (C,G) J Long 7-8-11 N Adams 13

4-1 Sooty Tern, 5-1 Prince Rodney, 6-1 Ambassador Royale, Dancing Beau, 13-2 Roly Wallace, 8-1 Aedean, 10-1 Elegant Touch, Wild Strawberry, 14-1 others.

3.00 ALDERHOLT SPRINT HANDICAP (£5,287: 5f) (10)

1 0000 BODARI 18 (D,F,S) D Wilson 4-10-0 ... D Harrison (3) 10
2 6110 SIR JOEY 9 (D,S) P Murphy 4-9-13 ... J Williams 2
3 6330 BALLASECRET 11 (D,F,G,S) R Dickin 5-9-12 ... J Reid 4
4 -302 FIVESEVENFIVEO 11 (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-9-10 ... Pat Eddery 5
5 0053 PALEY PRINCE 12 (V,CD,F,G) M Usher 7-9-9 W R Swinburn 7
6 030- BALIGAY 228 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 8-9-9 ... L Dettori 1
7 6-44 VERY DICEY 7 (CD,BF,F,G) W Muir 5-9-7 ... R Cochrane 8
8 4421 MISTER JOLSON 11 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 4-9-6 ... W Carson 9
9 -412 ARAGROVE 28 (D,F,G) L Holt 3-9-0 ... A Munro 3
10 1354 BELLSABANGING 11 (CD,F) D Laing 3-9-0 ... T Williams 6

7-2 Mister Jolson, 5-1 Fivesevenfiveo, Aragrove, 11-2 Very Dicey, 6-1 Sir Joey, Ballasecret, 10-1 Paley Prince, Bellsabanging, 14-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Carlisle: 2.15 Hawaymyson 3.45 Scottish Park, Mary Macblain. 4.45 Share A Moment. Chester: 6.30 Civil Law. 8.30 Diwali Dancer. Salisbury: 2.30 Safe Arrival, Maple Bay. 3.00 Paley Prince.

3.30 GIBBS MEW BIBURY CUP HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,433: 1m 4f) (8)

1 5311 AZHAR 11 (D,F,G,S) M Stoute 9-7 ... W R Swinburn 5
2 3-21 BARON FERDINAND 37 (G) R Charlton 9-4 ... R Cochrane 3
3 -552 JACKPOT STAR 11 (S) R Hannon 9-2 ... W Carson 7
4 -061 RANEEN ALWATAR 15 (CD,F) L Cumani 8-10 ... J Weaver (3) 8
5 4010 DEVILRY 8 (F,G) G Lewis 8-8 ... Paul Eddery 1
6 1216 BAY QUEEN 19 (F,S) M Bell 8-8 ... M Fenton (3) 6
7 -512 CROMARTY 15 (D,S) H Cecil 8-7 ... W Ryan 2
8 0201 FABULOUS MTOTO 20 (G) D Elsworth 8-7 ... Pat Eddery 4

11-4 Jackpot Star, 3-1 Azhar, 9-2 Cromarty, 6-1 Baron Ferdinand, 15-2 Fabulous Mtoto, 8-1 Raneen Alwatar, 12-1 Devilry, 14-1 Bay Queen.

4.00 SOUTHAMPTON CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,106: 6f 212yd) (15)

1 0 GRANBY BELL 18 M Meggendge 9-0 ... Mark Denaro (7) 2
2 LINK MILES R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid 6
3 0 CURBRIDGE 14 J Moore 8-12 ... A McGlone 9
4 00 INDIAN CASTLE 48 B Meehan 8-10 ... W Newnes 14
5 0 LUGANO 12 N Callaghan 8-10 ... Pat Eddery 11
6 040 MR MYSTICAL 4 J Moore 8-10 ... B Rouse 10
7 TSWANA Mark Campion 8-10 ... L Dettori 4
8 00 HE SHALL REIGN 36 J Dunlop 8-6 ... W Carson 13
9 0 SILVER BRIEF 37 Mrs J Dawe 8-6 ... A Tucker 8
10 0 MILLY'S PET 30 C Hall 8-5 ... N Adams 12
11 55 AERIAL VIEW 9 W G M Turner 8-4 ... T Sprake 1
12 IRONGAME R Hannon 8-4 ... R Perham 3
13 0R3 PRIMOST 11 M Williams 8-4 ... J Williams 15
14 4400 RISKY AFFAIR 36 G Lewis 8-2 ... Paul Eddery 5
15 LUCKY HELEN S Dow 8-1 ... C Rutter 7

5-2 Link Miles, 4-1 Primost, 5-1 Irongame, 6-1 He Shall Reign, Risky Affair, 8-1 Mr Mystical, 10-1 Lugano, 16-1 Tswana, Aerial View, 20-1 others.

4.30 HERBERT AND GWEN BLAGRAVE MEMORIAL STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,110: 1m 6f) (5)

1 31 RITTO 34 (G) B Hills 8-12 ... W R Swinburn 2
2 0431 TASSET 14 (F) P Cole 8-12 ... C Rutter 3
3 METER MAN B Palling 8-10 ... J Weaver (3) 4
4 321 ALINOVA 12 (D,S) H Cecil 8-7 ... W Ryan 1
5 3 PAT OR ELSE 15 R Williams 8-5 ... R Cochrane 5

8-11 Alinova, 5-2 Pat Or Else, 5-1 Ritto, 6-1 Tasset, 25-1 Meter Man.

5.00 DOWNTON MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,517: 1m 1f 209yd) (18)

1 46-0 LOOSE ZEUS 64 C Wall 4-9-10 ... S Mulvey (7) 6
2 8-00 RIVIERE ACTOR 22 J Dunlop 3-9-9 ... W Carson 17
3 0540 CONCINNITY 21 L Holt 4-9-8 ... A Munro 18
4 -000 FULL SHILLING 9 P McEntee 4-9-7 ... P McCabe (7) 13
5 -045 COMMANCHE CREEK 28 L Cumani 3-9-6 ... R Cochrane 8
6 0-63 DESERT CHALLENGER 20 A Stewart 3-9-4 ... A McGlone 1
7 2400 ALTERMEERA 21 Mrs B Waring 5-9-3 ... G Bardwell 2
8 0532 PISTOLS AT DAWN 19 (BF) R Hannon 3-9-2 ... Pat Eddery 15
9 0-00 IBSEN 55 I Campbell 5-9-1 ... Dale Gibson 16
10 5540 BRONZE MAQUETTE 22 P Cole 3-8-12 . T G McLaughlin (7) 7
11 0000 WESSEX WARRIOR 11 (V) D Laing 7-8-7 ... T Williams 5
12 -404 SMART DAISY 11 I Balding 3-8-7 ... L Dettori 9
13 -604 WAR REQUIEM 13 G Balding 3-8-5 ... J Williams 3
14 -080 BAULKING TOWERS 26 M McCormack 3-8-2 ... A Tucker 12
15 00-0 JOLIS ABSENT 42 M Ryan 3-8-1 ... D Biggs 10
16 00-0 SMART TEACHER 13 P Harris 3-8-1 ... NON-RUNNER 4
17 500/ PEGGOTTY 581J P Hayward 5-8-0 ... D O'Neill (7) 11
18 0-00 GESNERA 15 K White 5-8-0 ... N Adams 14

3-1 Pistols At Dawn, 4-1 Desert Challenger, 5-1 Commanche Creek, 11-2 Riviere Actor, 7-1 Bronze Maquette, Smart Daisy, 10-1 Altermeera, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 8 winners from 27 runners, 29.6%, H Cecil, 3 from 12, 25.0%, M Pipe, 3 from 12, 25.0%, M Stoute, 5 from 21, 23.8%, A Stewart, 3 from 14, 21.4%, P Cole, 13 from 80, 16.3%.

JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 11 winners from 47 rides, 23.4%, Pat Eddery, 20 from 94, 21.3%, W Carson, 21 from 118, 17.8%, A Munro, 11 from 62, 17.7%, A Tucker, 6 from 38, 15.8%, R Cochrane, 21 from 143, 14.7%.

KEMPTON

THUNDERER
6.45 Silver Wedge 8.15 BASHAYER (nap)
7.15 Khubza 8.45 Belfort Ruler
7.45 Addicted To Love 9.15 Kissavos

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.45 The Flying Phantom. 7.15 LINK RIVER (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.15 PORT LUCAYA.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.45 RICHARD DALLYN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,494: 7f) (14 runners)

101 (7) BONAIGUA (K Buchanan) G Harwood 9-0 ... R Hills —
102 (6) 8 DEBLYN 12 (P Warner) R Cools 9-0 ... W Newnes —
103 (4) DONTFORGET INSIGHT (Insight Cartons Ltd) P Cole 9-0 ... C Rutter —
104 (12) 00 GREENFINCH 25 (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid 79
105 (5) JEAN DE FLORETTE (J Purcell) R Spicer 9-0 ... L Dettori —
106 (3) LOMAS (F Salman) R Hannon 9-0 ... A Munro —
107 (14) 6 MIAMI HURRICANE 21 (A Al Sadar) B Hanbury 9-0 ... W R Swinburn —
108 (13) PLUNDER BAY (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 9-0 ... B Hind —
109 (10) 3 SHARP TYCOON 12 (P D O'Sullivan) B Meehan 9-0 ... B Rouse 96
110 (8) SHERIDAN (C Humphris) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson —
111 (11) 624 SILVER WEDGE 21 (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 9-0 ... Pat Eddery [top]
112 (9) 6 STOMPIN 56 (R Richards) C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle (3) —
113 (2) 2 THE FLYING PHANTOM 21 (P Betts (Holdings) Ltd) M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson 89
114 (1) 00 EMMA GRIMES 34 (J Grimes) M Muggeridge 8-9 ... B Raymond —

BETTING: 5-2 The Flying Phantom, 4-1 Sharp Tycoon, 11-2 Sheridan, 6-1 Lomas, 7-1 Dontforget Insight, Silver Wedge, 10-1 Bonaigua, 14-1 others.

1992: COY BOY 9-0 Paul Eddery (20-1) G Lewis 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREENFINCH 7¾l 7th of 14 to Polish Laughter in a maiden at Doncaster (6f, good). SHARP TYCOON 4¼l 3rd of 10 to Vanta De Possa in a maiden at Sandown (7f, good), with DEBLYN 21l 9th. SILVER WEDGE 6l 4th of 8 to Moccasin Run in a listed race at Epsom (6f, good). THE FLYING PHANTOM 1l 2nd of 9 to First Trump in a maiden at Yarmouth (6f, good), with MIAMI HURRICANE 6l 6th. BONAIGUA (foaled Apr 11) is a half-brother, by Lomond, to 1m 2f winner Captain's Guest. DONTFORGET INSIGHT (Mar 15, cost 27,000gns) is a half-brother, by Don't Forget Me, to 1m winner Bronzewing.
PLUNDER BAY (Apr 26, $30,000) is a half-brother, by Cutlass, to 6f winner and Derby 3rd Silver Wisp. SHERIDAN (May 5, 31,000gns) is a brother to 6f-1m winner Aldbourne.
Selection: SILVER WEDGE

7.15 LPH CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £3,318: 1m) (10 runners)

201 (6) 2-1 ANDROMAQUE 71 (D,S) (Dr C Stelling) R Charlton 8-12 ... Pat Eddery 87
202 (4) 1-8 ARUSHA 13 (D,S) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 8-12 ... J Williams 88
203 (9) 1 ETOSHA 14 (F) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-12 ... M Hills 94
204 (10) 315 JETBEEAH 13 (CD,G) (B Mussabah) J Fanshawe 8-12 ... W R Swinburn 95
205 (8) 104-053 KATIBA 22 (BF,F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-12 ... W Carson 96
206 (3) 6-12 KHUBZA 30 (BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-12 ... A McGlone 96
207 (2) 41 LINK RIVER 21 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-12 ... G Hind 98
208 (5) 1 PONDICHERRY 21 (G) (D Woods) S Woods 8-10 ... W Woods 86
209 (7) 3568-00 EAST LIBERTY 41 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-8 ... L Dettori 92
210 (1) 513-02 HELVELLYN 42 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-8 ... W Ryan [top]

BETTING: 3-1 Link River, 4-1 Andromaque, 5-1 Etosha, 13-2 Jetbeeah, Khubza, 8-1 Helvellyn, 10-1 Pondicherry, 12-1 others.

1992: PARTY CITED 8-8 J Williams (13-2) D Elsworth 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANDROMAQUE beat Shopthroughout 7l in a 12-runner maiden at Warwick (1m, soft). ETOSHA beat Desert Venus 2½l in a 10-runner maiden at Yarmouth (7f, firm). JETBEEAH 8l 5th of 9 to Rainbow Lake in a listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm), with ARUSHA 11l 8th. KATIBA 2¾l 3rd of 5 to Carranita in a conditions race at Leicester (6f, good). KHUBZA ½l 2nd of 12 to Holly Golightly in a conditions race at Leicester (7f, good). LINK RIVER beat Gone Troppo 3½l in a 5-runner maiden at Yarmouth (1m, good).
PONDICHERRY beat Surfine 3½l in a 7-runner maiden auction at Yarmouth (7f, good). HELVELLYN 5l 2nd of 6 to Dayflower in a conditions race at York (1m 2f 85yd, good).
Selection: LINK RIVER

7.45 TAYLOR WALKER HANDICAP (£3,132: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

301 (14) 01000/0 VITAL CLUE 12 (G) (A Peirce) R O'Sullivan 5-10-0 ... D Biggs —
302 (10) 10/341 BALADIYA 12 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Hames) D Morris 8-9-12 ... C Hodgson (5) 87
303 (13) 02432-0 ADDICTED TO LOVE 22 (B,G) (Mascalls Stud) P Makin 4-9-7 ... W R Swinburn 91
304 (11) 62150/ SALMONID 40J (D,F,G,S) (R Taylor) B Meehan 7-9-0 ... W Newnes —
305 (3) 010-000 SIMPLY 14 (D,G) (M Costello) F O'Mahony 4-8-8 ... L Dettori 90
306 (6) 31000-0 CHARMED LIFE 11 (D,S) (P Baxter) Mrs J Dawe 4-8-6 ... J Williams [top]
307 (8) 0000-00 MAHRAJAN 60 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs F Harris) C Benstead 9-8-5 ... R Cochrane 98
308 (12) 604306- GROVE SERENDIPITY 42J (B,D,G) (S Hedaiat) M Pipe 5-8-3 ... W Carson 95
309 (4) 26/005-6 EVERY ONE A GEM 34 (F) (J Daniels) M Dixon 6-8-2 ... NON-RUNNER —
310 (3) 66000/ EASY TOOMEY 750 (Brooke (Enfield Wash) Ltd) J Jenkins 5-8-0 ... B Doyle (3) —
311 (7) 5/200/5 GO FORUM 4 (CD,F,G) (The Forum Ltd) J Sutcliffe 8-7-13 ... A Munro —
312 (15) 0040-00 BARBARY REEF 14 (F) (R Parsons) G Eden 5-7-8 ... G Bardwell 93
313 (9) 2000-25 SINGING REPLY 14 (Mrs K Oxenman) R Price 5-7-8 ... N Adams 91
314 (1) 00-0034 ONE MORE POUND 11 (R Whitaker) M Dixon 3-7-7 ... A Tucker 92
315 (16) 4040/0 JONBEL 12 (T Clement) P McBride 5-7-7 ... C Hawksley (7) —
316 (2) 16/000-0 HALLOW FAIR 14 (D,F,G) (L Spencer) C Horgan 8-7-7 ... T Williams 86

Long handicap: Hallow Fair 7-4.

BETTING: 7-2 Baladiya, 9-2 Singing Reply, 5-1 Grove Serendipity, 13-2 Mahrajan, 8-1 Addicted To Love, Go Forum, 10-1 One More Pound, 12-1 Vital Clue, 16-1 others.

1992: DISCORD 6-10-0 M Roberts (9-4 fav) Lord Huntingdon 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALADIYA beat Le Temeraire 4l in a 10-runner claimer at Doncaster (1m 4f, soft). ADDICTED TO LOVE 8¾l 8th of 19 to Shampdo in a handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, good). MAHRAJAN 16l 8th of 20 to Kaiser Wilhelm in a handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good).
GO FORUM 12¼l 5th of 7 to Preston Guild in a handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to soft). BARBARY REEF 8½l 7th of 10 to Sovereign Page in a handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f, firm). SINGING REPLY 4l 5th of 13 to Moonlight Quest in a handicap over course and distance (good), with HALLOW FAIR (4lb better off) 6l 8th. ONE MORE POUND 13l 4th of 8 to Heart Of Spain in a claimer at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: SINGING REPLY

8.15 LBC NEWSTALK 97.3 FM GALA STAKES (Listed race: £11,452: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

401 (4) 42155-0 SPARTAN SHAREEF 8 (D,G) (C Olley) C Brittain 4-9-10 ... W R Swinburn 91
402 (7) 310-400 SILVER WISP 20 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 4-9-7 ... Pat Eddery 96
403 (6) 15344-1 ST NINIAN 16 (C,D,F,G,S) (M Easterby) M H Easterby 7-9-7 ... M Birch 85
404 (3) 58-3112 PORT LUCAYA 25 (B,F,G) (Lucayan Stud Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-12 ... L Dettori —
405 (1) 333-444 FITZCARRALDO 25 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-9 ... R Cochrane 92
406 (5) 12-6243 SALATIN 18 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-9 ... R Hills 88
407 (2) 1-020 BASHAYER 18 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-8-4 ... W Carson 91

BETTING: 9-4 Port Lucaya, 11-4 Bashayer, 4-1 Silver Wisp, 5-1 St Ninian, 13-2 Fitzcarraldo, 8-1 Salatin, Spartan Shareef.

1992: MORICAN GIRL 4-9-5 M Roberts (5-1) J Fanshawe 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPARTAN SHAREEF 8l 9th of 11 to Placerville in the group II Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Ascot (1m 2f, good to firm). SILVER WISP 22l 7th of 8 to Opera House in the group I Coronation Cup at Epsom (1m 4f, good). ST NINIAN beat Pelo 1¾l in a 5-runner, conditions race at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm). PORT LUCAYA short-head 2nd of 8 to Mistle Cat in a listed race here (1m, good), with FITZCARRALDO (2lb worse off) 5l 4th. SALATIN 3l last of 3 to Old Provence in a conditions race at Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm). BASHAYER 13l 10th of 14 to Intrepidity in the group I Everglaze Oaks at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: BASHAYER

8.45 1812 OVERTURE HANDICAP (£3,201: 6f) (10 runners)

501 (1) 01-5402 JIGSAW BOY 15 (D,BF,F,S) (All Eight Club) P Murphy 4-10-0 ... J Williams 90
502 (8) 600180 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 15 (B,D,F,G) (P Aron) M Ryan 4-9-12 ... D Biggs 94
503 (4) 50000-0 EDUCATED PET 5 (D,F,G,S) (B Morgan) M Johnston 4-9-8 ... T Williams 84
504 (7) 50-2042 SYLVAN BREEZE 11 (V) (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 5-8-8 ... M Hills 96
505 (2) 38133-3 ZEBOIM 23 (B,D,F,G) (R Hales) W Muir 7-9-6 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 91
506 (3) 00-0005 DARUSSALAM 19 (CD,F,G,S) (Forley Saddlery) R Lee 6-9-6 ... Pat Eddery 93
507 (9) 000-102 MERRYHILL MAID 9 (D,F,G) (D Cahal) J Harris 5-9-5 ... R Cochrane 91
508 (10) 000-004 BELFORT RULER 9 (D,F) (B Gabby Ltd) B Gabby 6-9-4 ... J Reid 88
509 (5) 0-01261 GREY CHARMER 9 (D,F,G,S) (Miss S Purdie) C James 4-9-1 (6ex) ... W Newnes [top]
510 (6) 5-44026 DANCING SPIRIT 15 (L Ward) R Hannon 3-9-0 ... L Dettori 95

BETTING: 3-1 Jigsaw Boy, 4-1 Grey Charmer, 11-2 Darussalam, Zeboim, 7-1 Truthful Image, 8-1 Belfort Ruler, Merryhill Maid, 10-1 others.

1992: TAUBER 8-8-11 S O'Gorman (16-1) Pat Mitchell 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

JIGSAW BOY neck 2nd of 14 to Sure Lord in a handicap at Salisbury (6f, good to firm), with TRUTHFUL IMAGE (5lb better off) 7¾l last. EDUCATED PET 8½l 7th of 14 to Macs Maharanee in a handicap at Redcar (6f, good to firm).
SYLVAN BREEZE 6l 2nd of 12 to Petersford Girl in a maiden at Lingfield (6f, good). ZEBOIM 2¾l 3rd of 11 to Great Hall in a handicap at Leicester (6f, good), with DARUSSALAM (4lb better off) 8½l 9th. GREY CHARMER beat MERRYHILL MAID (6lb better off) 1½l in a handicap at Windsor (6f, good to soft), with BELFORT RULER (6lb better off) 5l 4th.
Selection: GREY CHARMER

9.15 FIREWORKS FINALE HANDICAP (£3,318: 7f) (13 runners)

601 (6) 1-82680 OUR RITA 23 (F,G,S) (A Edwards) J Scargill 4-10-0 ... R Cochrane 94
602 (8) 106-044 STAR GODDESS 23 (CD,G) (K Higson) G Moore 4-9-11 ... B Rouse 94
603 (11) 0-10012 MY BEST VALENTINE 11 (D,F,G) (The Valentines) P Harris 3-9-11 W R Swinburn 96
604 (4) 400-040 QUEEN OF SHANNON 12 (D,G,S) (Kiloughery Family) D Morris 5-9-10 M Tebbutt 95
605 (10) 304054 ROSEATE LODGE 26 (F,G) (D Price) K Burke 7-9-7 ... L Dettori 96
606 (13) 5505-00 SADDLEHOME 32 (F) (A Edwards) J Scargill 4-9-6 ... G Hind 93
607 (2) 53-033 WISHAM 11 (P Goulandris) B Hanbury 3-9-6 ... B Raymond 93
608 (5) 0040-54 BALLERINA BAY 5 (V,C,D,F,G) (Mrs C Whitwood) D Thom 5-9-5 ... Pat Eddery [top]
609 (3) 332400 PRECIOUS WONDER 47 (D,S) (M Murray) P Butler 4-9-5 ... T Williams 98
610 (7) 20-04 WHATEVER'S RIGHT 12 (M Thorgood) M Usher 4-8-11 ... N Adams 94
611 (1) 603206 KISSAVOS 18 (D,F,G) (R Bennison) C C Elsey 7-8-2 ... F Norton 98
612 (9) 00/0-355 LORD ALFIE 11 (K Gomm) B Meehan 4-7-12 ... A McGlone 98
613 (12) 30103-0 SPANISH LOVE 13 (D,F,S) (Trow Lane Farm) Mrs S Williams 7-7-9 ... Dale Gibson 90

BETTING: 3-1 My Best Valentine, 5-1 Ballerina Bay, Lord Alfie, 13-2 Wisham, 7-1 Kissavos, 8-1 Queen Of Shannon, 10-1 Star Goddess, 12-1 others.

1992: KAWWAS 7-7-8 T Williams (8-1) W Holden 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

OUR RITA 5¾l 7th of 11 to Great Hall in a handicap at Leicester (6f, good). STAR GODDESS 7l 4th of 6 to Jade Vale in a rated stakes at Chepstow (1m, soft).
MY BEST VALENTINE ¾l 2nd of 10 to Highland Magic in a handicap at York (7f, good to soft). ROSEATE LODGE 2¾l 4th of 10 to Amaze in a handicap at Haydock (1m, soft). WISHAM 1¾l 3rd of 9 to Quaver in a maiden at Sandown (7f, good to soft). BALLERINA BAY 2¾l 4th of 17 to En Attendant in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). WHATEVER'S RIGHT 2¾l 4th of 10 to Fawz in a handicap at Sandown (7f, good).
Selection: ROSEATE LODGE (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	8	38	21.1	Pat Eddery	40	197	20.3
R Charlton	9	44	20.5	A Munro	16	113	14.2
B Hanbury	8	41	19.5	W Carson	29	205	14.1
P Walwyn	13	75	17.3	W Ryan	7	52	13.5
J Fanshawe	6	36	16.7	B Doyle	4	33	12.1
M Ryan	9	58	15.5	R Cochrane	22	189	11.6

Zafonic set to tackle Goodwood mile test

FEARS that British racegoers had seen the last of Zafonic have been laid to rest with the announcement that the 2,000 Guineas winner will run in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood on July 28 (Julian Muscat writes).

Zafonic's re-appearance coincides with the return of Sayyedati, the 1,000 Guineas winner, who has been rested in preparation for this group one test.

A clash involving these two classic winners will be something to savour, although Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager to Zafonic's owner, Khaled Abdulla, again warned that soft ground would rule the horse out of contention. Such conditions precipitated Zafonic's withdrawal from last week's St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot. That race was won by Kingmambo.

Pritchard-Gordon said yesterday: "The Sussex Stakes has replaced the Ascot race in Zafonic's programme. After that he will go for the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville and, if the horse is fresh and well, the Breeders' Cup."

Zafonic has done almost all his racing on straight tracks. His sole victory running round a bend was one of his most impressive. It came in last season's Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp which, like Goodwood, is a right-handed track. Zafonic will also be meeting his elders for the first time.

Kingmambo was one of Zafonic's Salamandre victims, but revenged that loss in the Prix Djebel earlier in the season. The two colts are set for another meeting in the Marois in August, for which trainer Francois Boutin is sure to have Kingmambo at his peak. The race is sponsored by Stavros Niarchos, Kingmambo's owner.

Meanwhile, bookmakers William Hill quote the John Gosden-trained Brier Creek at 9-1, with a run, in the wake of doubts about the four-year-old's participation in Saturday's Northumberland Plate.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER
2.15 Obsidian Grey. 2.45 Sakharov. 3.15 Granitton Bay. 3.45 Mohican Brave. 4.15 Mingus. 4.45 Wakt.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F 207YD-7F 214YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 HEADS NOOK SELLING STAKES (£2,637: 5f 207yd) (13 runners)

1 0922 LANGTONIAN 5 (D,G) J Berry 4-9-10 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 10
2 1282 OBSIDIAN GREY 9 (CD,G) Miss L Siddall 6-9-10 .. O Pears (5) 5
3 106- SAMSON-AGONISTES 244 (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 7-9-10 ... S Sanders (7) 11
4 600 PRETTY CHIC 107 D Chapman 4-9-7 ... N Connorton 6
5 P0 WABWOM 25 J Glover 4-9-7 ... S D Williams (3) 9
6 -400 ANGELS ANSWER 4 (S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-5 Darren Moffatt (5) 4
7 0336 MINSK 14 T Craig 7-9-2 ... G Duffield 12
8 00 NOT ALL BLISS 107 G Kelly 5-9-2 ... S Wood 3
9 -626 FORTIS PAVIOR 8 R Whitaker 3-8-13 ... A Culhane 1
10 -620 HAWAYMYSON 33 (B) J Johnson 3-8-13 ... K Fallon 2
11 0340 MANX MONARCH 15 K Hogg 3-8-8 ... J Lowe 8
12 45 MIDLIN 65 J Harris 3-8-8 ... J Carroll 7
13 00 PRESS ONWARD 11 M Johnston 3-8-8 ... Dean McKeown 13

11-4 Obsidian Grey, 7-2 Langtonian, 9-2 Samson-Agonistes, 7-1 Angels Answer, 8-1 Hawaymyson, 12-1 Fortis Pavior, Minsk, 14-1 Manx Monarch, 20-1 others.

2.45 CASTLE CARROCK HANDICAP (£3,261: 5f 207yd) (12)

1 -300 SUPER ROCKY 53 (F) R Bastiman 4-10-0 ... H Bastiman (7) 12
2 060- INVIGILATE 275 (D,F,G) M Wane 4-9-10 ... L Charnock 10
3 5033 STATE FLYER 2 (V,D,G,S) G Oldroyd 5-9-8 ... G Forster (7) 6
4 0406 MASTER POKEY 7 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 9-9-5 ... P Johnson (7) 5
5 1003 MISS ARAGON 14 (CD,G) Miss L Siddall 5-9-4 ... O Pears (5) 8
6 4-11 SAKHAROV 27 (D,F) M Janvis 4-9-0 ... G Duffield 1
7 4241 FORMIDABLE LIZ 8 (D,F) M Hammond 3-8-10 (7ex) J Lowe 4
8 450- FARNDALE 252 B Morgan 6-8-5 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 11
9 030 ACIDOSIS 93 D Chapman 4-8-4 ... S Wood 2
10 0-20 KICK ON MAJESTIC 15 (B,F,G) N Bycroft 4-7-11 .. J Fanning 9
11 00-0 ZINGER 19 (G,S) J Johnson 5-7-7 ... D Wright (7) 3
12 3560 MISS HOSTESS 16 (B) T Craig 6-7-7 ... N Carlisle 7

9-1 Formidable Liz, 7-2 Sakharov, 11-2 Miss Aragon, 6-1 Master Pokey, 7-1 State Flyer, 10-1 Invigilate, 12-1 Kick On Majestic, 14-1 Super Rocky, 20-1 others.

3.15 TENNENTS HANDICAP (£3,525: 6f 206yd) (8)

1 2136 DEBSY DO 11 (C,D,G) S Norton 4-10-0 ... O Pears (5) 7
2 0314 CAUSLEY 7 (C,F,B,S) B McMahon 8-9-12 ... M Birch 4
3 03-0 COSTA VERDE 88 (S) K Hogg 3-9-11 ... K Darley 2
4 -043 THORNTON GATE 9 (B,D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 4-9-9 ... S Maloney (3) 8
5 /002 GRANITTON BAY 4 (V,D,F,S) R Whitaker 6-9-6 ... A Culhane 5
6 3155 SARTIGILA 4 (S) M Hammond 4-9-5 ... J Marshall (7) 6
7 3100 CHANTRY BELLINI 6 (B,CD,G) C Thornton 4-8-4 ... N Carlisle 3
8 00-0 VALLEY OF TIME 18 (D,F) T Craig 5-7-10 ... J Fanning 1

9-4 Thornton Gate, 3-1 Causley, 4-1 Debsy Do, 11-2 Chantry Bellini, Sartigila, 8-1 Granitton Bay, 12-1 others.

3.45 TENNENT'S LAGER CARLISLE BELL HANDICAP (£4,698: 7f 214yd) (14)

1 -440 HAMADRYAD 23 (F,G) S Norton 5-10-0 ... O Pears (5) 1
2 2053 COOL LUKE 11 (G) G Moore 4-9-13 ... J Tate (5) 4
3 3-44 RINGLAND 28J (F,G) D Moffatt 5-9-13 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 9
4 0411 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 9 (CD,F,G,S) J Spearing 6-9-2 (5ex) K Darley 10
5 0334 SPANISH VERDICT 14 (CD,F,S) Denys Smith 6-8-12 C Teague (7) 2
6 0631 QUANTITY SURVEYOR 7 (D,G,S) M Prescott 4-8-6 (5ex) G Duffield 12
7 5244 INVERTIEL 18 (C,F) P Monteith 9-8-5 ... S D Williams (3) 14
8 0256 SCOTTISH PARK 6 (V,F) M Hammond 4-8-4 ... J Marshall (7) 3
9 3241 SET THE FASHION 9 (V,D,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-4 (5ex) Dean McKeown 8
10 0-01 QUEEN WARRIOR 9 (D,G,S) P Walwyn 4-8-4 (5ex) D Wright (7) 6
11 0-31 MOHICAN BRAVE 19 (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-3 K Fallon 11
12 0-54 WHO'S TEF 8 (D,F) M H Easterby 5-7-13 ... S Maloney (3) 7
13 5261 PRINCESS OF ORANGE 11 (D,S) W Brisbourne 4-7-9 J Lowe 13
14 0006 MARY MACBLAIN 15 (B) J Harris 4-7-7 ... A Mackay 5

9-2 Set The Fashion, 5-1 Lawnswood Junior, 11-2 Queen Warrior, 7-1 Mohican Brave, Who's Tef, 8-1 Cool Luke, Quantity Surveyor, 10-1 others.

4.15 BURGH BARONY RACES STAKES (Amateurs: £2,646: 1m 4f) (8)

1 -644 AZUREUS 12 (C,D,BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0 ... S Swiers 6
2 446- CARLINGFORD 305 (CD,F,G) M Wane 7-11-0. R D Green (4) 3
3 -530 COXANN 7 (B) J McConnochie 7-11-0 ... E Tolhurst (4) 1
4 5050 HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 12 (B,D,F,G) A Slinger 8-11-0 R Hale 4
5 0016 LORD ADVOCATE 2 (B,D,G) T Craig 5-11-0 .. Miss P Robson 7
6 6030 MINGUS 4 (D,S) R Fisher 5-11-0 ... Mrs M Cowdrey 5
7 2200 THE KARAOKE KING 19 (B,D,BF,F,G) R Hannon 4-11-0 Mrs J Boggis (4) 2
8 -050 NOT YET 2 (G,F) E Weymes 9-11-0 ... J Weymes (4) 8

7-4 Azureus, 3-1 Carlingford, 4-1 The Karaoke King, 6-1 Mingus, 7-1 Lord Advocate, 12-1 others.

4.45 WETHERAL RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,444: 1m 6f 32yd) (4)

1 -543 ROSMARINO 19 C Thornton 3-8-7 ... J Fanning 3
2 0245 SHARE A MOMENT 19 (B) R Hollinshead 3-8-7 ... S Perks 1
3 0-65 FOLLINGWORTH GIRL 25 S Norton 3-8-2 ... S Maloney (3) 2
4 0-56 WAKT 14 D Morley 3-8-2 ... G Duffield 4

5-4 Share A Moment, 9-4 Wakt, 11-4 Rosmarino, 13-2 Follingworth Girl.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerald, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; M Prescott, 10 from 40, 25.0%; M Johnston, 9 from 41, 22.0%; J Berry, 24 from 114, 21.1%; R Whitaker, 6 from 36, 16.7%; Denys Smith, 8 from 49, 16.3%.

JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 20 winners from 104 rides, 19.2%, Dean McKeown, 23 from 132, 17.4%; K Darley, 18 from 115, 15.7%, A Culhane, 8 from 53, 15.1%; S Perks, 6 from 40, 15.0%; O Pears, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

CHESTER

THUNDERER
6.30 Rose Glen. 7.00 Indiahra. 7.30 Crystal Jack. 8.00 Mad Militant. 8.30 Bezique. 9.00 Kedge.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F 122YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.30 TARVIN CLAIMING STAKES (£4,370: 1m 2f 75yd) (7 runners)

1 0-0 CIVIL ACTION 7 J Hanson 3-8-12 ... A Culhane 3
2 0334 CIVIL LAW 15 (B) R Hollinshead 3-8-7 ... K Darley 6
3 2505 DEE RAFT 26 (G) B Hills 3-8-7 ... D Holland 5
4 0-00 ROSE GLEN 5 (CD,F,G,S) A Bailey 7-8-5 ... A Mackay 4
5 2065 BARSAL 20 J Parkes 3-8-2 ... J Tate (5) 2
6 0400 WHAT LOLA WANTS 9 P Murphy 3-7-9 ... J Quinn 1
7 0225 FORMAESTRE 16 (G) S Norton 3-7-7 ... D Wright (7) 7

9-4 Civil Law, 7-2 Formaestre, 4-1 What Lola Wants, 6-1 Barsal, 8-1 Rose Glen, Dee Raft, 14-1 Civil Action.

7.00 FARNDON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,548: 5f 16yd) (6)

1 BETTYKIMVIC E Alston 8-11 ... K Fallon 4
2 DAILY STAR J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 6
3 4 HEVER GOLF ROSE 30 T Naughton 8-11 ... D Holland 2
4 I'M YOUR LADY B McMahon 8-11 ... J Fortune 3
5 22 INDIAHRA 26 R Hollinshead 8-11 ... K Darley 1
6 PROMISE FULFILLED S Norton 8-11 ... O Pears (5) 5

5-4 Indiahra, 3-1 Hever Golf Rose, 4-1 Daily Star, 8-1 Promise Fulfilled, 12-1 I'm Your Lady, 20-1 Bettykimvic.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 12 winners from 42 runners, 28.6%; B Hills, 20 from 73, 27.4%; M Stoute, 13 from 48, 27.1%; R Hannon, 9 from 40, 22.5%; F Lee, 8 from 44, 18.2%; A Bailey, 10 from 58, 17.2%.

JOCKEYS: O Pears, 3 wins from 11 rides, 27.3%; D Holland, 9 from 48, 18.8%; Paul Eddery, 8 from 47, 17.0%; S Perks, 7 from 50, 14.0%; A Culhane, 3 from 22, 13.6%. Only qualifiers.

7.30 GMS INDUSTRIAL FASTENERS RATED HANDICAP (£6,546: 6f 18yd) (9)

1 1380 STACK ROCK 6 (C,D,F,G,S) E Alston 6-9-7 Stephen Davies (5) 4
2 0-50 MASTER OF PASSION 12 (D,F,G) J Eustace 4-9-5 N Kennedy (3) 8
3 2030 CRADLE DAYS 6 (F,G) R Hannon 4-9-0 ... D Holland 9
4 0034 RED ROSEIN 12 (D,F,G) J Wilson 7-8-11 ... J Fortune 7
5 -050 CRYSTAL JACK 12 (CD,F,G,S) F Lee 5-8-10 ... Paul Eddery 1
6 5200 DRUM SERGEANT 12 (B,D,F,S) J Parkes 6-8-7 ... J Tate (5) 8
7 0010 THE AUCTION BIDDER 11 (D,S) R Hollinshead 6-8-7 K Darley 5
8 325 HOPE HALL 23 R Whitaker 5-8-7 ... A Culhane 3
9 5544 GORINSKY 5 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-8-7 ... J Carroll 2

9-2 Red Rosein, 5-1 Gorinsky, 11-2 Crystal Jack, 13-2 Cradle Days, 7-1 Drum Sergeant, Master Of Passion, 8-1 The Auction Bidder, 10-1 Stack Rock, 12-1 Hope Hall.

8.00 DEESIDE HANDICAP (£5,374: 1m 4f 66yd) (6)

1 5564 MAD MILITANT 25 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-10-0 K Darley 4
2 6522 PHILGUN 12 (BF,F,S) W Elsey 4-9-13 ... S Maloney (3) 1
3 -403 CASHELL 25 M Stoute 3-9-3 ... Paul Eddery 5
4 2-05 FOOLS ERRAND 12 R Hannon 3-9-0 ... S Whitworth 3
5 1050 KILLICK 12 (CD,F,G) A Bailey 5-8-12 ... J Quinn 2
6 300- GREEN'S CASSATT 288 (F) W Brisbourne 5-8-12 .. R Lappin 6

15-8 Philgun, 5-2 Cashell, 3-1 Mad Militant, 9-2 Killick, 20-1 Green's Cassatt.

8.30 MIDSUMMER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,919: 7f 2yd) (6)

1 40-0 ROYAL ROLLER 19 P McBride 9-7 ... Paul Eddery 5
2 5-21 FAIRY STORY 18 (D,F,G) J Hills 9-4 ... D Holland 4
3 5516 INDERAPUTERI 11 (D,F) Miss G Kelleway 9-2 . D McCabe (7) 3
4 0360 BEZIQUE 28 (V,D,S) J Gosden 8-13 ... J Carroll 1
5 5-23 AL SHAATI 14 (BF) M Stoute 8-11 ... K Darley 6
6 0-20 DIWALI DANCER 15 (B) A Bailey 7-9 ... A Mackay 2

3-1 Al Shaati, 5-2 Fairy Story, 4-1 Bezique, 5-1 Inderaputeri, 10-1 Diwali Dancer, 16-1 Royal Roller.

9.00 BROXTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,290: 1m 7f 195yd) (3)

1 00-5 DESERT LAUGHTER 19 R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks 3
2 -003 KEDGE 11 R Johnson Houghton 9-0 ... D Holland 2
3 065 TILTY 14 R Hannon 9-0 ... K Darley 1

4-7 Tilty, 2-1 Kedge, 8-1 Desert Laughter.

Brighton

Going: good to firm

2.00 (5f 209yd) 1, DEMI-PLIE (L Dettori, 13-2); 2, Forever Blushing (T Williams, 5-1); 3, Lying Eyes (D McCabe, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Sport Racing Club, 13-2 Who's Crying Now, 7 Bon Ton (4th), 10 Moss House (5th), 25 Shellobilge, 40 Bien Cuit (6th), Lizzie Luke, Bright Venus, Bite The Bullet. 12 ran. NR: Richard's Error. ¾l, 2l, ½l, 1¼l, sh hd. D Loder at Newmarket. Tote: £12.60; £3.20, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £43.70. CSF: £35.12. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.30 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, TOP RANK (L Dettori, 3-1); 2, Snowdrop Tree (A Clark, 7-2); 3, Phrose (J Reid, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Sun Grebe (4th), Soul Dream (5th). 5 ran. 3l, 4l, 1¼l, nk. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £1.90. DF: £7.20. CSF: £11.83.

3.00 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, SEREN QUEST (D Harrison, 11-2); 2, Al Senafi (R Cochrane, 6-4 fav); 3, Dulerame (W Newnes, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Lailati (4th), Alaskan Princess (5th), 33 Mad Casanova, Bitran, 50 Call Me Blue (6th), 100 Findon Academy, Bijou Fire. 10 ran. ½l, 3l, 2l, hd, nk. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £8.90; £1.90, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £6.00. CSF: £13.37.

3.30 (7f 214yd) 1, SARAH-CLARE (J Reid, 8-1); 2, Play With Me (L Dettori, 8-1); 3, Panchellita (B Rouse, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Miss Fascination (6th), 6 Anatroccolo (4th), Flaba, 7 Clear Look, 9 Rosietoes (5th), 10 Baydon Belle, 20 Trundley Wood. 10 ran. NR: Navaresque. 1¼l, 3l, sh hd, 2¼l, hd. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £5.50; £1.80, £1.80, £3.00. DF: £18.40. CSF: £218.40. Tricast: £241.27.

4.00 (6f 209yd) 1, DESERT NOMAD (A Munro, 9-2); 2, Medland (D Harrison, 10-1); 3, Coalisland (A Tucker, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Without A Flag (4th), 13-2 July Bride, 7 Sharp Imp (6th), 8 Sophisticated Air, 10 Swiss Mountain, 12 Export Mondial (5th), 14 Merwell Mitzi, 20 Baeza. 11 ran. 2l, ½l, ½l, nk, 1½l. S Dow at Epsom. Tote: £6.60; £2.70, £3.10, £2.20. DF: £49.40. CSF: £47.01. Tricast: £363.79.

4.30 (5f 213yd) 1, SCOTS LAW (J Quinn, 4-1); 2, Sure Lord (R Cochrane, 11-4 fav); 3, Farmer Jock (B Raymond, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Surrey Racing (5th), 5 Domulla (4th), 7 Villavina (6th), 8 Gallant Hope. 7 ran. 1½l, hd, 1l, 1½l, 3l. R O'Sullivan at Bognor Regis. Tote: £5.30; £2.00, £2.40. DF: £11.10. CSF: £15.37. Placepot: £150.20.

Yarmouth

Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m 3yd) 1, Golden Guest (L Piggott, 3-1 fav); 2, Croire (9-2); 3, Al Katifyah (11-1). 12 ran. 5l, 2½l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £4.40; £1.20, £2.20, £4.50. DF: £5.60. CSF: £16.31.

2.45 (7f 3yd) 1, Tajdid (R Hills, 9-1); 2, Annabelle Royale (100-30 fav); 3, Good Image (6-1). 10 ran. NR: Quick Steel. 1½l, 2½l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £7.20; £1.60, £1.60, £2.40. DF: £22.70. Trio: £40.50. CSF: £37.64. Tricast: £181.27.

3.15 (5f 43yd) 1, King Rat (Dean McKeown, 7-4 fav); 2, Lucy's Gold (10-1); 3, Flair Lady (4-1). 11 ran. 6l, ¾l. M Johnston. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £6.50. CSF: £22.59. Winner bought in for 6,250gns.

3.45 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Mujawab (R Hills, 12-1); 2, River Bird (6-1); 3, Gilderdale (11-8 fav). 5 ran. ¾l, 3½l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £15.70; £3.50, £2.80. DF: £21.70. CSF: £62.66.

4.15 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, Solartica (P Robinson, 13-8 fav); 2, Folnery (13-2); 3, Eburg (9-2). 6 ran. 5l, sh hd. J Fanshawe. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £2.40. DF: £6.10. CSF: £11.19.

4.45 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, Ela Billante (P Robinson, 3-1); 2, Rusty Reel (11-2); 3, Daffal (5-2 fav). 6 ran. 1¾l, 6l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £6.30; £2.40, £2.70. DF: £11.60. CSF: £17.10. Placepot: £184.30.

Monday's late results

Windsor

Going: good

6.35 (1m 2f) 1, Taunting (R Cochrane, 12-1); 2, Malzeta (9-1); 3, Bengal Tiger (10-1); 4, Malindi Bay (10-1). Long Furlong 5-1 fav. 25 ran. ¾l, nk. M Blanshard. Tote: £12.30; £2.90, £3.10, £2.90, £2.90. DF: £59.20. Trio: £111.90. CSF: £125.01. Tricast: £1,065.01.

7.05 (5f 217yd) 1, Great Hall (J Williams, 7-1); 2, Mogwai (8-1); 3, Palacegate Gold (11-2). Zinbaq 100-30 fav. 14 ran. 2l, hd. P Cundell. Tote: £5.90; £2.40, £3.00, £2.50. DF: £60.60. Trio: £44.40. CSF: £62.11. Tricast: £312.68.

7.35 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Declassified (R Cochrane, 5-2); 2, Gone For A Burton (1-2 fav); 3, Chain Dance (15-2). 3 ran. 2l, dist. L Cumani. Tote: £2.90. DF: £1.30. CSF: £3.94.

8.05 (5f 217yd) 1, Bluegrass Prince (Pat Eddery, Evens fav); 2, Switch Blade (10-1); 3, Admiralella (12-1). 21 ran. 5l, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £2.80, £3.20. DF: £8.00.

8.35 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, Euphonic (L Dettori, 9-2); 2, General Moulder (Evens fav); 3, Supreme Master (4-1). 8 ran. Hd, 5l. I Balding. Tote: £5.20; £1.50, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £4.00. CSF: £9.59. Tricast: £18.37.

9.05 (1m 67yd) 1, Tonys Mist (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav); 2, Storm Venture (7-2); 3, Its Unbelievable (9-2). 10 ran. ½l, ¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £2.00, £2.20. DF: £8.00. CSF: £12.67.
Placepot: £78.00.

Piggott on mark

Lester Piggott showed all his guile to land the Tote Place Only Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Yarmouth yesterday on Golden Guest. He made all, quickening clear two furlongs out and coming home five lengths clear of Croire.

Dettori lands double

FRANKIE Dettori completed a 29-1 double with his first two rides at Brighton yesterday. The David Loder-trained Demi-Plie, dropped to selling company for the first time, looked to be struggling at halfway in the Montpelier Selling Stakes but, responding well to Dettori's urgings, wore down Forever Blushing close home to win by half a length.

Dettori added a second success when Top Rank, trained by Martin Pipe, ran away with the Operatic Society Challenge Maiden Stakes. Judging the pace to perfection, Dettori turned the race into a procession from three furlongs out.

Enjoying the luxury of several looks over his right shoulder, Dettori eased Top Rank home three lengths clear of Dick Hern's debutant, Snowdrop Tree.

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Bates brought back to earth with first-fence fall

Andrew Longmore watches Britain's main hope in the men's singles make an inglorious exit in the first round

AFTER his heroics last year, Jeremy Bates returned to square one yesterday and found that nothing much had changed. Defeat in the first round felt much the same as it did during the dark days when the British No 1 could not win a match at his home tournament. His first victory at Wimbledon came in his sixth year, on court 14; such was his relief, he has asked to play on the same court since.

Last year, his odyssey to the brink of the quarter-finals began on that court when he beat Michael Chang; yesterday, his interest in the men's singles title ended gently in the identical spot, three rounds and a thousand column inches of newsprint earlier.

Not even the shrieks of the committed home crowd could lift Bates, who searched in vain for any trace of inspiration from last year but uncovered only disappointment and an opponent in prime form. "It was another year, another tournament," he said. And for Jo Durie, who preceded Bates on to court and out of the tournament, losing in three sets to Liz Smylie, of Australia.

Bates was beaten 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 by Javier Frana, of Argentina, and was unlucky in one sense. South Americans have as much understanding of the geography of grass-court tennis as they do of the London tube map. Bates had the misfortune to come across the exception.

Frana does not just enjoy grass, he actually plays rather well on it and, yesterday, the left-hander served too soundly, volleyed too solidly and passed too accurately for Bates, who was still trying to find a solution to his problems when the final point was lost after two hours and ten minutes.

"I was really a third party," Bates said. "He just came up with the shots whenever he had to. I have no complaints about my effort or my attitude. I'm just disappointed I could not give the crowd more to shout about."

It is the first time Bates has lost in the first round since 1987 but, for once, his defeat has not sounded the last post on the home challenge in the men's singles or triggered an inquest into the inadequacies of the British game. Five British players have reached the second round of the men's singles, which could at last signal the passing of the baton. For that, Bates will give great thanks. "The whole summer has been encouraging for British players," he said. "Everyone's been winning matches and the picture is looking much better."

Would it was the same story for the women. For once, the durable Durie is beginning to feel all of her 32 years. Yesterday, her left knee was covered by a heavy strapping after recent arthroscopic surgery, her right by a protective plaster. Neither will be the same again and mobility was not Durie's strongest suit in the first place.

It took Smylie a set and a half to work out that her best chance of victory lay in moving Durie around the court but, once she had cracked the code, the writing on the wall became all too plain.

"I thought I could get away with it because you don't have long rallies on grass. It was a gamble worth taking," Durie said. "I really had to win in two sets. She knew in the third set that I wasn't running around like a little kitten. She was just putting the ball in court and waiting for me to miss."

The pair are old-timers, with a total of 25 Wimbledons between them, and there was a certain sense of savvy about the first two sets, as if they knew each other's game too well and were not prepared to commit themselves. Smylie is more of a doubles specialist these days and took her time to adapt to the confines of the singles court.

"The court suddenly looks big when you've been playing a lot of doubles," Pam Shriver, Smylie's doubles partner who was watching from the syde, said. "Doubles is more programmed, singles more free, and it takes time to get used to it. The worse thing is there is no one else to talk to. I get into real trouble when I'm out there on my own."

For the first set, at least, it seemed that Durie's gamble would pay off. She capitalised on Smylie's erratic serving and took the first set on the fifth break. But having levelled the second at 3-3, she won just three more games in the match as the Australian began to find her rhythm.

Not since 1982 have both Durie and Bates, who have provided most of Britain's precious few moments of glory in recent years, both lost in the first round of Wimbledon. Perhaps the times are a'changin' after all.

Bates: lost to Frana

IAN STEWART

In control: Graf produces a powerful forehand on her way to a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Sharpe, of Australia, in the first round of the women's singles at Wimbledon yesterday

Graf remains calm in a world going crazy

SIMON BARNES
At Wimbledon

PERHAPS the answer is to cage off the fans on centre court. For there is a disturbing amount of nastiness floating around in tennis at the moment — the women's game, anyway. It is hard to feel sorry for a globally adored multi-millionairess but all is not well with Steffi Graf.

There are people about who are chipping away at the foundations of her world and that is a frightening matter for anyone. First, there was a nutcase who loved her, who stabbed her rival Monica Seles so that Steffi could be queen.

Then there was a nutcase who hated her, who turned up at the French Open to shout from the best seats that it was Steffi, not Monica, who deserved the knife in the back.

Perhaps what rankles is that Seles's assailant manifestly achieved his aim. Graf has indeed displaced Seles as No 1, for Seles has not appeared in public since the assault.

The nutcase from Paris turned up at Wimbledon yesterday and continued his programme of shouting. Does he contemplate a further escalation?

Does he dream about taking unilateral action to remove Graf from the No 1 position? Does the thought frighten Steffi?

She acted is it did not touch her at all. She whizzed though her first match with the spectacularly predictable scoreline of 6-0, 6-0.

Her opponent was an Australian with a *Neighbours* name, Kirrily Sharpe. She is 20, ranked 231, and looked as if she had been overdoing the pie floaters and schooners. She lasted 38 minutes.

The public figure is always at the mercy of the lone nutcase; the only possible defence is not to appear in public. Popes and presidents meet their public behind bullet-proof glass and/or walls of men with Uzis. This is not a option for a leading athlete.

Sports stars are peculiarly vulnerable. I remember George Best playing for Northern Ireland under an IRA death threat.

He said candidly that he covered more ground in that match than any other he had played in, the theory being that a moving target would be harder to hit. He scored a goal, too.

But a tennis player does not have that option, either. The crowd is always on top of you; the intimacy of tennis, even on the centre court, is what gives the sport its special zing.

Graf was asked what sort of things her follower was saying but she retreated into her best Ice Queen mode. "I don't want to talk about it."

When she was a teenage champion, Graf had the ability to blank out the world. She refused to give anything of herself to the world.

She stone-walled in press conferences; on court, she gave nothing away. Self-contained, she was, and cold. She won admiration but little affection.

Then she lost her place as No 1 player with the rise of Seles, but she soared effortlessly to No 1 one in popularity. As she has grown up, she has expanded to fill the role: charming, gracious and beloved.

Yesterday, she was like her blank teenage self again. Once again, the world was blanked out.

Did the incident affect her? "It takes you away for a minute or two but, usually, I get back very quickly and I think that's what happened today. It took me a second but then it was no problem at all.

"There's nothing I can do about it and I don't really think too much about it either. I mean, I was surprised he was there today but I don't take it too seriously."

We do not need to seek futher evidence for the strength of the Graf mind but the whole business is showing signs of getting out of hand.

Sport gets more important with every passing year. It is played for higher stakes, greater prize-money, greater commercial interests, greater jingoistic fervour.

Sports sells itself on its overwhelming self-importance. It sells itself on the stars, the global importance of its stars. In other words, it makes them natural targets for nutcases.

If there is an escalation of these troubles, sport totters. Top-level professional sport cannot exist without the interplay of performer and live audience.

To cut off the audience from the performer would be disaster. The price of free sport is constant vigilance; we have yet to learn the price of constant vigilance.

It could be more than sport can afford; caging off the centre court would be just the start.

Martinez finds dress sense lets her down

FOR the women's No 5 seed, Conchita Martinez, the tournament almost ended before it started. She was warming up for her match against Ginger Helgeson in a natty little blue and yellow number when the umpire took exception to her dress and sent her scuttling back to the locker-room to find a "predominantly white" outfit in which to grace the lawns of the All England Club.

But the 20-minute delay did little to blunt Martinez's winning edge and she took the match 7-5, 6-3 to bank at least £4,500, a tidy sum with which to buy a few more white shirts.

Absent friend

Making light of other people's misadventure may not be the done thing, but there are several huge signs of relief echoing around the centre court after the withdrawal of Mary Pierce. Pierce may be a rising star, but her father, Jim, comes with her. His outbursts at linesmen, opponents, umpires and rival supporters had him thrown out of the French Open, caused Mary to sack him as her coach and prompted the women's international tennis council to ban him from her matches for the rest of the year. The All England Club had agreed to co-operate with the ban and instructions were issued that should he appear at courtside he should, politely, be asked to leave. In the end, no such measures were necessary. 'Flu and a temperature of 102 degrees has kept Mary from playing.

Who's counting

The Women's Tennis Association marked its 20th anniversary yesterday just as Martina Navratilova began her challenge for a tenth singles title. Navratilova is the WTA's most successful player since the tour began in 1975, but exactly how successful is open to debate.

Three weeks ago, she won in Beckenham, which, according to Navratilova, brings her stack of titles to 165. But Beckenham is not on the Kraft tour, earns no ranking points and thus does not exist as far as the WTA is concerned. Following that line of argument, however, Navratilova's first ten titles should not count either. They were won before the tour began in 1975. By the same criterion, Billie Jean King would have her record of 20 Wimbledon titles slashed by 14.

One to follow

Following the action on 17 courts at once is not an easy task. Young men have grown old trying to achieve it. Yesterday, even David Lloyd and the BBC came unstuck. Lloyd was asked on *Radio 5* who he fancied as an outside chance for the men's title. Lloyd confidently predicted that Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, would prove the dark horse of the tournament. Rosset had been knocked out the day before.

Hairy story

Did Andre do it? Did the men's champion really trim those tummy hairs? Agassi wasn't letting on yesterday, kept his shirt tucked in as he practised and told reporters: "It's all rubbish." So there you have it.

Quote of the day

"Boris said centre court was like his living room. I always wanted to play him in his living room. It was so much fun." Marc Goellner, in his first Wimbledon, said after losing to Becker.

ALIX RAMSAY

The long walk: Martinez sets off for the locker room to change her outfit under orders from the umpire

McEnroe unhappy in defeat

PATRICK McEnroe yesterday swore at the umpire in his first round defeat to Chris Bailey, the British No 2, in a manner reminiscent of his elder brother, John (John Goodbody writes).

During his 7-5, 7-5, 7-5 loss, McEnroe repeatedly criticised decisions. He swore at Michael Rice, the umpire, and on one disputed point shouted: "You're kidding. It was not even close. Ridiculous."

As he left the court he described the umpire as "gutless". Bailey became the fifth Briton to reach the second round, the most to progress to that stage since 1977.

Thomas Muster, the sixteenth seed, bowed out in straight sets to the Frenchman, Oliver Delaitre, which was not a surprise given the fact that Muster has never won a match at Wimbledon.

Women's singles
Winner £275,000
Runner-up £137,500
Holder: S Graf (Ger)

First round

Monday

S C Stafford (US) bt S Meier (Ger), 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.
A J COETZER (SA) bt S Testud (Fr), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
M MALEEVA-FRAGNIERE (Switz) bt L A Woodroffe (GB), 7-5, 6-4.
N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt J Heiard (Fr), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
N J Arendt (US) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 2-6, 6-3, 14-12.
L M Raymond (US) bt L K Allen (US), 6-1, 6-2.
B Schultz (Holl) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 6-4, 6-1.
C Rubin (US) bt W Probst (Ger), 6-2, 6-3.
S Wasserman (Bel) bt F Li (China), 6-2, 6-4.
P A Fendick (US) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-1, 6-1.
N Provis (Aus) bt T A Price (SA), 6-4, 6-1.
E Brioukhovets (Ukr) bt D Monami (Bel), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
S Farina (It) bt R Bobkova (Cz), 6-0, 6-2.
H SUKOVA (Cz) bt N Baudone (It), 6-0, 7-6.
M MALEEVA (Bul) bt L Meskhi (Geo), 6-2, 6-2.
L M McNeil (US) bt A L Grunfeld (GB), 6-1, 6-0.
R M White (US) bt T Ignatieva (Russ), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Y Basuki (Indo) bt N Van Lottum (Fr), 6-4, 7-5.
A HUBER (Ger) bt C Dahlman (Swe), 7-5, 7-6.
L Golarsa (It) bt K Studenikova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4.
C Porwik (Ger) bt D S Van Rensburg (SA), 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.
F Labat (Arg) bt K Po (US), 7-5, 6-1.
N Dahlman (Fin) bt L Fernando (It), 1-6, 6-3, 6-0.
N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt D A Graham (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
G SABATINI (Arg) bt C Cunningham (US), 7-5, 6-2.

Yesterday

S GRAF (Ger) bt K Sharpe (Aus), 6-0, 6-0.
C J Wood (GB) bt M Kochta (Ger), 6-1, 6-1.
R McQuillan (Aus) bt J M Byrne (Aus), 6-4, 6-2.
H Kelesi (Can) bt P Lungrove (Cz), 6-1, 6-3.
A Grossman (US) bt T S Whitlinger (US), 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.
M J McGrath (US) bt N Feber (Bel), 7-6, 6-3.
P D Smylie (Aus) bt J M Durie (GB), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
J CAPRIATI (US) bt S A Siddall (GB), 6-7, 6-2, 6-1.
A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia), 6-1, 6-1.
L Nelland (Lat) bt C Hall (GB), 6-3, 6-2.
P A Fendick (US) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-1, 6-1.
E Brioukhovets (Ukr) bt D Monami (Bel), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
L M McNeil (US) bt A L Grunfeld (GB), 6-1, 6-0.
K Kroupova (Cz) bt C MacGregor (US), 6-4, 1-6, 7-5.
P Paradis-Mangon (Fr) bt M M Bollegraf (Holl), 6-4, 6-3.
H W Wiesner (Austria) bt S Rottier (Holl), 6-1, 6-4.
C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt G Helgason (US), 7-5, 6-3.
J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt E Zardo (Switz), 6-1, 6-3.
I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt J Kruger (SA), 7-6, 6-1.
M Werdel (US) bt N Eraggovic (Cro), 6-3, 6-3.
A Gavaldon (Mex) bt M Zivec-Skulj (Ger), 6-4, 6-2.
G Pizzichini (It) bt C Singer (Ger), 6-4, 6-2.
A HUBER (Ger) bt C Dahlman (Swe), 7-5, 7-6.
L Golarsa (It) bt K Studenikova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4.
C Porwik (Ger) bt D S Van Rensburg (SA), 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.
F Labat (Arg) bt K Po (US), 7-5, 6-1.
N Dahlman (Fin) bt L Fernando (It), 1-6, 6-3, 6-0.
N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt D A Graham (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
R Dragomar (Rom) bt A Fusai (Fra), 6-3, 6-1
Z L Garrison-Jackson (US) bt S Hack (Ger), 6-2, 7-5.
G Fernandez (US) bt A Sugiyama (Japan), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
S Appelmans (Bel) bt K Kschwendt (Ger), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
N TAUZIAT (Fra) bt R P Stubbs (Aus), 7-5, 6-4.
M Javer (GB) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-2, 6-2.
M Endo (Japan) bt K M Cross (GB), 6-4, 6-3.
P Hy (Can) bt R Hiraki (Japan), 7-5, 6-3.
R M Nideffer (SA) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.
A Simadova (Cz) bt K Boogert (Holl), 6-2, 6-3.
M NAVRATILOVA (US) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus), 6-2, 6-1.

Men's singles
Winner £305,000
Runner-up £152,000
Holder: A Agassi (US)

First round

Monday

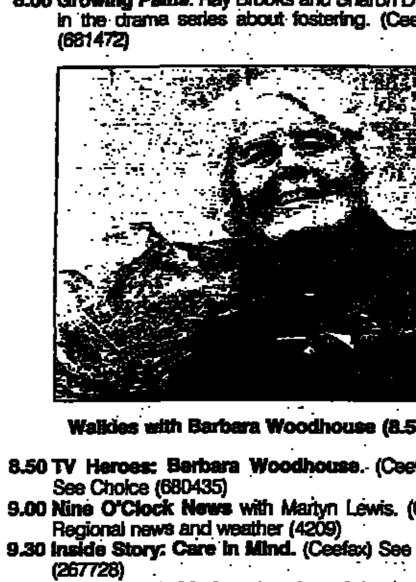
P Kilderry (Aus) bt T Ho (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
J Palmer (US) bt G Stafford (SA), 7-5, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6.
A L Foster (GB) bt T Enqvist (Swe), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
L E Herrera (Mex) bt K NOVACEK (Cz), 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.
R KRAJICEK (Holl) bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
J Eltingh (Holl) bt M Rosset (Switz), 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3.
S Simian (Fr) bt R A Reneberg (US), 3-6, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6, 8-3.
L Tieleman (It) bt G Schaller (Austria), 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.
T Nelson (US) bt L Jonsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 4-6, 6-3.
P Rafter (Aus) bt S Yzol (Aus), 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.
A AGASSI (US) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 7-5, 6-4, 6-0.
A Volkov (Russ) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
M R J Petchey (GB) bt M Kell (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-1, 6-1.
J Hasek (Swi) leads D Nargiso (It), 7-6, 6-2, 5-5.
A Krickstein (US) bt A O'Brien (US), 6-2, 7-6, 6-3.
M WASHINGTON (US) bt G Raoux (Fr), 4-6, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.
B Gilbert (US) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 1-6, 6-3, 6-0, 6-1.
M Ondruska (SA) bt J Tarango (US), 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.
D Rostagno (US) bt G Doyle (Aus), 6-4, 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.
S Stolle (Aus) bt J F Allur (Sp), 6-4, 7-6, 6-4.
M STICH (Ger) bt J Siemerink (Holl), 6-2, 7-6, 6-1.
M Goniz (Sp) bt C Dosedel (Cz), 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.
T Martin (US) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 7-6, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.
B Shelton (US) bt S Bryan (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6.
T A Woodbridge (Aus) bt H De La Pena (Arg), 6-2, 7-6, retired.
W FERREIRA (SA) bt R Azar (Arg), 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.
C Costa (Sp) bt F Wibier (Holl), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
M Woodforde (Aus) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.
H Holm (Swe) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
J COURIER (US) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-0, 7-5, 6-4.
I LENDL (US) bt B Devening (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.
A Boetsch (Fra) bt S C S Cole (GB), 6-4, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.
D Randall (US) bt A Cherkasov (Russ), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
K Karlsen (Den) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.
C Pioline (Fra) bt M Damm (Cz), 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6.
C Wilkinson (GB) bt D Orsanic (Arg), 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.
S Larsau (Can) bt J B Svensson (Swe), 2-6, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 10-8.
S EDBERG (Swe) bt G Ruseduski (Can), 7-6, 6-4, 6-7, 7-6.

Yesterday

P SAMPRAS (US) bt N Borwick (Aus), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3.
J Morgan (Aus) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
B Black (Zim) bt R Weiss (US), 6-2, 6-7, 6-1, 6-1.
A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt D Nainkin (SA), 6-4, 6-2, 7-6.
B Becker (Ger) bt M Goellner (Ger), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.
J Cunha-Silva (Por) bt R S Matheson (GB), 5-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-2.
J Hlasek (Swi) bt D Nargiso (It), 7-6, 6-2, 6-7, 7-6.
D Prinosil (Ger) bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 7-6, 6-3, 7-6.
H Leconte (Fr) bt D Perez (Uru), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
P KORDA (Cz) bt M Strelba (Cz), 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.
C J Van Rensburg (SA) bt C U Steeb (Ger), 6-4, 2-0, retired.
C M MacLagan (GB) bt K Brassch (Ger), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
M Larsson (Swe) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 6-0, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.
C B Bailey (GB) bt P McEnroe (US), 7-5, 7-5, 7-5.
D Wheaton (US) bt N Pereira (Ven) 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
M CHANG (US) bt P Haarhuis (Holl), 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-7, 6-4.
J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt D Vacek (Cz) 7-6, 6-2, 6-4.
R Agenor (Holt) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.
W Masur (Aus) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-1, 6-4, 7-6.
C Pistine (Fra) bt M Damm (Cz), 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5.
O Delaitre (Fra) bt T MUSTER (Austria), 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.
J B Fitzgerald (Aus) bt B Wuyts (Bel), 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.
J Frana (Arg) bt M J Bates (GB), 6-4, 7-5, 7-6.
G Wilkinson (GB) bt D Orsanic (Arg), 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.
S Larsau (Can) bt J B Svensson (Swe), 2-6, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 10-8.
A Manedori (Ita) bt B Joelson (US), 6-7, 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3.

BBC1

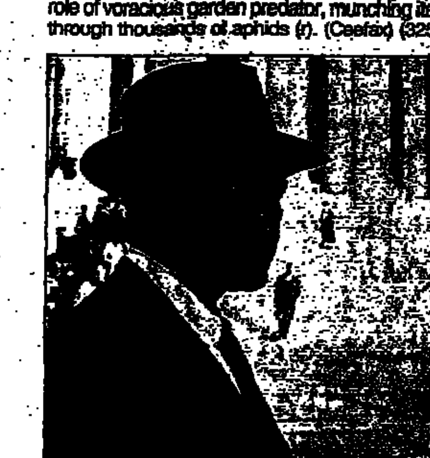
6.00 Business Breakfast (97149)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70014965)
9.05 Morning Surgery. News of help for those with a fear of flying and treatments for acne sufferers (s) (7013781) **9.20 Hot Chefs.** Clive Fretwell and John Tovey prepare mouth-watering dishes (s) (8515439) **9.45 Whatever Happened To ..?** Angela Rippon looks at stories that were once headline news (s) (3609217)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8444365) **10.05 Playdays.** For infants (s) (7687897) **10.30 Stoppit and Tidyup** (r) (2709323) **10.35 Summer Good Morning.** Highlights from this year's *Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick* (s) (6958014)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1028526) **11.05 Knots Landing:** Drama spin-off from the *Dynasty* saga, featuring the Ewing family's poor relations (r) (9924439) **11.50 Holiday Outings.** Moira Stuart takes a Nile cruise (r) (4257255)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5999753) **12.05 Tom and Jerry** (5159491) **12.25 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9442675) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72863323)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (10217) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (83881236)
1.50 Wimbledon 93. Day three of the Championships, featuring the second round of the men's singles (s) (39220168)
4.10 Galaxy Goof-Ups (9868588). **4.35 The Movie Game.** Film and video quiz. (Ceefax) (s) (2427052)
5.00 Newsround (4901385) **5.10 Byker Grove.** Episode five of the children's drama about a north-east youth centre (r). (Ceefax) (9547946)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (381762). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (304)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (656). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (7830)
7.30 Tomorrow's World in Seville. A repeat of the special edition from Expo 92. (Ceefax) (s) (168)
8.00 Growing Pains. Ray Brooks and Sharon Duce star in the drama series about fostering. (Ceefax) (s) (681472)


Walkies with Barbara Woodhouse (8.50pm)

8.50 TV Heroes: Barbara Woodhouse. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (680435)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4209)
9.30 Inside Story: Care in Mind. (Ceefax) See Choice (267728)
10.20 Today at Wimbledon. A review of the day's play introduced by Harry Carpenter and Sue Barker (s) (854588)
11.20 Body Business. The second of the two-part Australian mini-series set in Sydney. (Ceefax) (s) (687694). **Wales:** Crystals and Cats' Whiskers 11.50-12.55 Body Business
12.55am Weather (1615873). Ends at **1.00**
2.15-5.00 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (398927) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (80095) **4.00 TV Edits** (36637)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Education — Through the Looking Glass (9027897) **7.10** *Dialogue in the Dark*, by Michael Ignatieff (9794007) **7.35** The Victorian High Church (1674743)
8.00 Breakfast News (4153507)
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of yesterday's business in both Houses (s) (6423304)
9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon. Highlights of the second day's play (r) (s) (25410)
10.00 Film: The Great Lie (1941, b/w) starring Bette Davis, Mary Astor, in an Oscar-winning role, and George Brent. Melodrama on the eternal triangle theme about an aviator/explorer who marries in haste and quickly has the union annulled. He then marries the woman he really loves but is later lost in a plane crash. His first wife reappears claiming that she is carrying his baby. Directed by Edmund Golding (71072385)
11.45 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams presented by Sophie Aldred and Matthew Devitt (r) (s) (4789588)
12.00 Wimbledon 93. Live action from day three of the Championships, introduced by Desmond Lynam. The commentating team is John Barrett, Mark Cox, Bill Threlfall, Barry Davies and David Mercer (s) (9463217). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**
8.30 Summer Wildlife: Ladybird, Ladybird. A documentary look at the other side of the children's favourite in which the much-loved beetle plays the role of voracious garden predator, munching its way through thousands of aphids (r). (Ceefax) (3255)


Civil rights lawyer: Sidney Poitier (9.00pm)

9.00 Separate But Equal. The second and final part of the Emmy award-winning drama starring Sidney Poitier and Burt Lancaster as opposing lawyers in a South Carolina racial segregation case. (Ceefax) (s) (2120)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (861548)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (143304)
11.55 Weather (331120)
12.00 Serjeant Musgrave at the Court. Playwright John Arden talks about the first production in 1959 of his *Serjeant Musgrave's Dance*, set in a mid-Victorian mining town, and staged at London's Royal Court (1838808)
12.25am Pienza — A Renaissance City. A tour of the small Tuscan city, built in the 15th century for Pope Pius II (1839095). Ends at **12.55**

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Psychiatric rounds: Paul Savage (BBC1, 9.30pm)

Inside Story: Care in Mind
BBC1, 9.30pm
Paul Savage has had some of his clients for 20 years. In any other business that would be comforting, but as a psychiatric nurse Savage finds it poignant. This inspiring documentary, the last in the present series, shows him on his daily rounds visiting patients who were once in an asylum but are now living in hostels or with relatives. Whether he is helping to make toad-in-the-hole, administering injections or acting as a mediator between a man and his embittered sister, Savage displays tact and down-to-earth friendliness. Care in the community is shown to be expensive and fraught with problems, but Savage is not one to take sides politically. What ever system is in place, he will be helping to make it work.

Trial and Error
Channel 4, 9.00pm
The second programme in a compelling new series argues, seemingly irrefutably, that a man was given life imprisonment for a murder he did not commit. A ten-year-old Nottingham boy, Wayne Keeton, was killed in 1985. Next day a 21-year-old man, Philip Atherton, confessed to sexually assaulting him and then killing him. The case seemed simple, but seven weeks later, Atherton made a fresh confession implicating his friend, 19-year-old Mark Cleary. Eventually they were both found guilty and put away for life, but the case against Cleary was based on a confession which was not tape-recorded and which Cleary later retracted. David Jessel narrates with fiery conviction, but the programme is not just about injustice, it is also fascinating as a profile of the scheming Atherton.

TV Heroes: Barbara Woodhouse
BBC1, 8.50pm
Dog-trainer Barbara Woodhouse makes a perfect subject for this intelligent little series. Never a reluctant celebrity, she willingly allowed herself to become a cult figure for the BBC after her series "Train Your Dog the Woodhouse Way" became a surprise hit. It seems we all love a bit of discipline and Woodhouse certainly chastised the owners just as much as the dogs. "No that's very weak: do it again", she would say to an owner whose action with the lead was just too limp-wristed. "Come on Mr Boxer", she yells in one clip, and who is to say whether she is talking to the canine or human species? She died in 1988 and no replacement has been found.

Go Getters
ITV, 4.40pm
A new series of this madcap children's show gets off to an enjoyable start as three foolhardy teams of celebrities attempt to complete daft assignments abroad. The destinations are Amsterdam, Paris and Brussels and the tasks include appearing on a live programme and collecting five ecus for charity by busking. The fun lies in the fact that the adult competitors are infinitely more useless than any child would be in the same circumstances. Nobody, it seems, can speak any foreign languages, nobody can sing or play a musical instrument and one of the contestants, Craig Charles, cannot even remember to bring the television camera.
Stephanie Billen

ITV LONDON

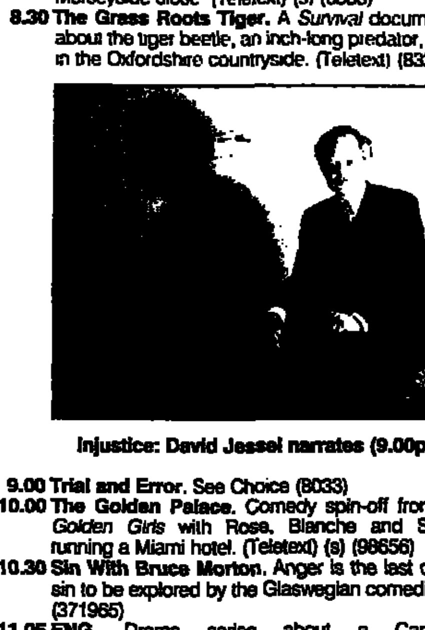
6.00 GMTV (2469976)
9.25 Talkabout. Lighthearted game show hosted by Tom O'Connor (8583830) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7663217)
10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series about a schoolgirl who inherits her alien father's powers (r) (s) (71830)
10.30 This Morning. Weekday magazine series (32803304)
12.10 Allsorts. Entertainment for the very young (r) (s) (5141472)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) Weather (1115120) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (44929192)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (760859) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (752830)
2.15 One in 5 Million. Caroline Quentin meets Barbara, a commodities buyer with a love of life. Plus Suzanne Moore on whether it is better to be man's first or second wife (784439) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Highlands-based drama serial (2221762)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2705781) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2704052) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Drama serial set in an Australian city hospital (7891588)
3.50 Scooby Doo (r) (3556694) **4.15 Round the Bend.** Puppets and animation mix (r) (s) (9885255)

Treasure hunt: teams of celebrities (4.40pm)

4.40 Go Getters (s) See Choice (1584743)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8488052)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (917236)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes a report on negligent doctors. (Teletext) (58526)
7.00 Fantastic Facts. Jonathan Ross presents another collection of strange but true stories. With Fiona Armstrong and Wilf Lunn (s) (2526)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (236)
8.00 The Darling Buds of May. Pop thinks he has struck lucky when he helps a grounded RAF pilot and is rewarded with brandy, cigars and a night on the town. Starring David Jason and Michael Cochrane (r). (Teletext) (s) (1743)
10.00 News at Ten with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (90014) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (152255)
10.40 Sport in Question presented by Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves. Tonight's guests include Barry Hearn and Andrew Harriman (s) (196101)
11.40 Film: Disaster at Silo 7 (1988) starring Michael O'Keefe, Dennis Weaver and Patricia Charbonneau. Drama, based on fact, about an incident at a Texas missile site when a fuel tank is accidentally punctured and there is a race against time to prevent a devastating explosion. Directed by Larry Elikann (940675)
1.30am Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure time guide (s) (80960)
2.30 America's Top Ten (s) (49328)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews, introduced by Mariella Frostrup (r) (41881)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news magazine (r) (21705)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (51714)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (32665). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Lucille Ball (38014)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cat and dog cartoon adventures (2271830)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (33168)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (34061)
9.30 Schools (498588)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins with a round up of yesterday's business in both Houses (20255)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is country singer Waylon Jennings (r) (50675)
1.30 Sandokan. Animated adventures of a swashbuckling pirate prince (r) (30120)
2.00 Film: The Devil to Pay (1930, b/w) starring Ronald Colman and Loretta Young. Witty comedy about the rakish son of a wealthy man who returns to London penniless and sets out to woo a socialite. Directed by George Fitzmaurice (1540089)
3.20 No Applause, Just Throw Money. A documentary look at street performers as they try to persuade passers-by to part with money (r) (7882830)
3.50 Powers of Ten. Animation (8880743)
4.00 Pottery Ladies. The series on women painters in the Staffordshire potteries from the late 1920s to the early 1940s continues with a profile of Clarice Cliff, who designed an important range of art deco ware (r) (965)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz game. (Teletext) (s) (149)
5.00 Amazonia. Faith Hubley's look at South American myths, with an original voice and trumpet score by Dizzy Gillespie (r) (3420878)
5.15 Film: A Question Of Love (1978) starring Gena Rowlands, Jane Alexander and Ned Beatty. Drama, based on fact, about a custody battle between a father and his former wife whom he claims is unfit to keep their young son because she is living with her lesbian lover. Directed by Jerry Thorpe (44738781)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (335255)
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Conservative party politician (962507)
8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (6588)
8.30 The Grass Roots Tiger. A *Survival* documentary about the tiger beetle, an inch-long predator, filmed in the Oxfordshire countryside. (Teletext) (8323)


Injustice: David Jessel narrates (9.00pm)

9.00 Trial and Error. See Choice (8033)
10.00 The Golden Palace. Comedy spin-off from *The Golden Girls* with Rose, Blanche and Sophia running a Miami hotel. (Teletext) (s) (98656)
10.30 Sin With Bruce Morton. Anger is the last deadly sin to be explored by the Glaswegian comedian (s) (371965)
11.05 ENG. Drama series about a Canadian newsgathering team. (Teletext) (s) (988304)
12.05am One Night Stand. Comedy from the American political satirist Will Durst (s) (2953906)
12.40 Film: Ma Baap (1977). Indian drama about two brothers, one who is poor and cares for his mother, the other who is wealthy and ignores his family's penury. Directed by Khisore Vyas. In Gujarati with English subtitles (52726811). Ends at **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Gardening Time (784439) **5.10-6.00** Blockbusters (8488052) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (846588) **10.40** Film: Trackdown — Finding the Goodbar Killer (81197878) **12.35** Film: Powderkeg (786960) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1787863) **2.50** 60 Minutes (2985415) **3.45** Cue the Music (9913279) **4.40** Riviera (26180863) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (3615106)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15 Gardening Time (784439) **2.45-3.10** Sprockets (2221762) **3.20-3.50** GP (7891588) **6.00** Lookaround (472) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (192) **10.40** Boxing (196101) **11.40** Ice Hockey (511781) **12.35** Film: Powderkeg (786960) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1787863) **2.50** 60 Minutes (2985415) **3.45** Cue the Music (9913279) **4.40** Riviera (26180863) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (3615106)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (760859) **1.45** Home and Away (752830) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (784439) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7891588) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8488052) **6.00** Home and Away (704965) **6.25-7.00** Central News (646588) **10.40** Film: Maid in America (17334472) **12.25** Tour of Duty (4706984) **1.25** Entertainment UK (2332724) **2.25** Stage Three (2821298) **3.25** BPM (3102811) **4.25** Jobfinder (2977892) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5430502)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (760859) **1.45** Home and Away (67346323) **2.10-2.45** Yan Can Cook (2349781) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (7891588) **5.10-5.40** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (8488052) **6.00** Home and Away (472) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (192) **10.40** Boxing (196101) **11.40** Ice Hockey (511781) **12.35** Film: Powderkeg (786960) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1787863) **2.50** 60 Minutes (2985415) **3.45** Cue the Music (9913279) **4.40** Riviera (26180863) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (3615106)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (752830) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (784439) **6.00** HTV News (472) **6.30-7.00** The West Country Game (192) **10.40** Boxing (196101) **11.40** Night Heat (511781) **12.35** Film: Powderkeg (786960) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1787863) **2.50** 60 Minutes (2985415) **3.45** Cue the Music (9913279) **4.40** Riviera (26180863) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Foley Square

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Loud and Clear (784439) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (472) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (192) **10.40** Film: The Taking of Pelham 123 (81197878) **12.35-1.30** Equalizer (9065569)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (784439) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (392120) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (192) **10.40** Street Legal (113878) **11.35** The Equalizer (521166) **12.30** American Gladiators (9939315) **1.20** Hollywood Report (4348163) **1.50** Videofashion (7214434) **2.20** Transworld Sport (2822927) **3.20** Music Box (3103540) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Blockbusters (7891588) **6.00-7.00** Live at Six (58526) **10.40** Boxing (196101) **11.40** Wanted: Dead or Alive (904830) **12.10** IndyCar 93 (3338434) **12.35** Film: Powderkeg (786960) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1787863) **2.50** 60 Minutes (2985415) **3.45** Cue the Music (9913279) **4.40** Riviera (26180863)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 2.15-2.45 The West at Work (784439) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (7891588) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (58526) **10.40** Tate in the West (849255) **11.10** Film: Mr Inside, Mr Outside (101101) **12.35** Film: Powderkeg (786960) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1787863) **2.50** 60 Minutes (2985415) **3.45** Cue the Music (9913279) **4.40** Riviera (26180863) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (3615106)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (784439) **5.55** Calendar (392120) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (192) **10.40** Street Legal (113878) **11.35** The Equalizer (521166) **12.30** American Gladiators (9939315) **1.20** Hollywood Report (4348163) **1.50** Videofashion (7214434) **2.20** Transworld Sport (2822927) **3.20** Music Box (3103540) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7087786)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (33168) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (34061) **9.30** Ysgolion (498588) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (20255) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (48149) **1.00** Take Five (36255) **1.30** A Different World (30120) **2.00** Meet Me After the Show (412830) **3.35** The Great Time (8803694) **3.40** The Oprah Winfrey Show (7147472) **4.30** Press Gang (149) **5.00** Fifteen To One (7584) **5.30** Brookside (101) **6.00** News (140743) **6.10** Hano (775439) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7726) **7.30** Taith Y Llewod '93 (878) **8.00** Y Bit A'r Babwe (6588) **8.30** News (845526) **8.55** The Crystal Maze (927762) **9.55** Film: The Lady in White (10459694) **12.00** People First (82188) **12.30** The Jazz Package (76057) **1.00** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (71684061) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4875878) **9.10** Cartoons (2693217) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (84965) **10.00** Card Sharks (7823830) **10.25** Concentration (7571507) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1310120) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (98269) **11.30** Falcon Crest (23385) **12.30pm** E Street (88781) **1.00** Another World (9974168) **1.45** Three's Company (316052) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (746025) **3.15** Different Strokes (304217) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8639588) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1439) **6.00** Games World (1762) **6.30** E Street (2014) **7.00** Rescue (2168) **7.30** Full House (1526) **8.00** Hunter (26965) **9.00** LA Law (52471) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (16588) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (60236) **12.00** Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (41472) **8.30** News and Business Report (809633) **9.30** ABC Nightline (82507) **10.30** Fashion TV (11385) **11.30** Business Report (64255) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (15101) **1.30** Good Morning America (16830) **2.30** Parliament Live (68052) **3.30** Parliament Live (42743) **4.30** News and Business Report (8439) **5.00** Live at Five (45859) **6.30** News and Business Report (41743) **7.30** Fashion TV (9168) **10.30** Nightline (69588) **11.30** ABC News (39859) **12.30am** Fashion TV (82569) **1.30** ABC News (37892) **2.30** Those Were The Days (67182) **3.30** ABC News (79927) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (66892) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (51989)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8782526)
10.00 White Fang (1991): Ethan Hawke stars in Jack London's adventure (99897)
12.00 The Great Santini (1979): Marine hero Robert Duvall fights with his son (17656)
2.00pm Mission of the Shark (1991): True story of the USS Indianapolis, which sank in shark-infested waters (30168)
4.00 Sinful Davy (1969): Highwayman John Hurt falls in love with Pamela Franklin (6743)
6.00 White Fang (as 10am) (10304)
8.00 Hot Shots! (1991): Spoof of *Top Gun* starring Charlie Sheen (22149)
10.00 Steele Justice (1987): Martin Kove seeks revenge against a former Vietnamese general who is now a drug lord (786156)
11.40 Velvet Dreams (1987): Erotic drama starring Kathy Shower (187781)
1.05am Nowhere to Hide (1987): Amy Madigan's husband is murdered (623326)
2.40 Roger and Me (1989): Documentary about the closure of the General Motors car plant in Flint, Michigan (2483786)
4.10 Fugitive Among Us (1991): Peter Strauss and Elizabeth Pena hunt rapist Eric Roberts (475434). Ends at **5.50**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Escape to Burma (1955): Robert Ryan takes refuge in Barbara Stanwyck's plantation (86192)
8.00 A Private Function (1985): Alan Bennett's second world war comedy (15897)
10.00 The Wicker Man (1973): Edward Woodward encounters paganism on a Scottish island (698033). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am A Challenge for Robin Hood (1967): Barrie Ingham stars as the outlaw of Sherwood Forest (87472)
8.00 The Good, the Bad and Huckleberry Hound: Cartoon adventure (25675)
10.00 The Naked Prey (1966): Cornel Wilde is pursued by an African tribe (97439)
12.00 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (1991): Tom Stoppard's comic slant on Shakespeare's *Hamlet* (48526)
2.00 The Kentuckian (1955): Burt Lancaster starts a new life in Texas (21410)
4.00 The Good, the Bad and Huckleberry Hound (as 8am) (4385)
6.00 Sweet Revenge (1990): Carrie Fisher hires Rosanna Arquette to marry her former husband John Sessions (18946)
8.00 Blackmail (1991): Thriller with Susan Blakely and Dale Midkiff (13491)
10.00 Postcards from the Edge (1990): Meryl Streep moves in with mother Shirley MacLaine to kick her drug habit (445385)
11.45 Desire and Hell at the Sunset Motel (1991): With Sherilyn Fenn (475948)
1.25am Sunset Beat (1990): Drama 'bout four police motorcyclists (630818)
3.05 Track 29 (1988): Theresa Russell has an affair with Gary Oldman, who claims to be her son (6299521)
4.35 Sweet Revenge (as 6pm) (9965095). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (80526) **7.00** The Footballers' Football Show (19726) **8.00** Team Pool (69287) **9.00** Prime Bodies (97502) **9.30** Motor World (26830) **10.00** Wimbledon News (6792385) **10.05** Rugby Union Super Ten Championship (16296304) **12.00** Watersports (49781) **1.00pm** The Footballers' Football Show (25101) **2.00** Cycling (72507) **3.00** Snooker: Scottish Masters (712830) **6.00** National Sprint Championship (45965) **7.00** Horse Racing (79174) **9.00** Wimbledon News (201694) **9.05** Ringside (94556168) **11.00** Rugby Union Super Ten (74946) **1.00-4.00am** Snooker: Scottish Masters (8356540)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (98033) **8.00** Free Climbing (98965) **9.00** Tennis (76323) **11.00** Eurogoals (29651) **12.00** Football: Ecuador v Uruguay (79410) **2.00pm** Basketball (80507) **3.30** Mediterranean Games (19439) **4.30** Olympics Magazine (8236) **5.00** Triathlon (6762) **5.30** News (9588) **6.00** Basketball (11255) **7.30** Football: Ecuador v Uruguay (48168) **9.00** Kick Boxing (68507) **10.00** Basketball (90762) **11.30-1.30am** Football: Mexico v Bolivia (91491)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jem (3803168) **7.30** Neighbours (3882675) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4931033) **8.30** EastEnders (4930304) **9.00** The Bill (4921656) **9.30** Moon and Son (9978878) **10.30** Big Deal (1057033) **11.30** Happy Ever After (9101043) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4934120) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6867491) **1.00** EastEnders (3902439) **1.30** The Bill (6866762) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (4644965) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (7373439) **3.00** Dallas (1006679) **4.00** Dynasty (6856976) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4635217) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7377255) **6.00** Neighbours (7374168) **6.30** Moon and Son (6991762) **7.30** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (7354304) **8.00** EastEnders (4624101) **8.30** Rings on Their Fingers (4643236) **9.00** Big Deal (8482365) **10.00** The Bill (4942149) **10.30** Lazarus and Dingwall (4951897) **11.00** Till Death Us Do Part (5406435) **11.30** Dr Who: The Time Warrior (2209304) **12.00** Film: Adventure in Baltimore (1949, b/w) starring Robert Young and Shirley Temple (1118076) **1.35am** Video Bites (85795231)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (18061) **7.00** Ratkan II (93897) **9.00** Jack in the Box (43304) **11.00** Stories Without Words (75781) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (88897) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (81781) **2.00** Stories Without Words (7656) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (3946) **3.00** Babar (9491) **3.30** Ratkan II (37110) **5.00** The Bartons (1236) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (7782) **6.00-7.00** Fame (78217)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Shopping and Gender
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew Lyle. Including Mussorgsky (St John's Night on the Bare Mountain); Respighi (Pines of Rome); Mozart (Three-part Fugue after Bach, K404a); Krommer (Concerto in E flat for two clarinets, Op 35)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Jonathan Harvey talks about his attitude to music and religion and introduces three contrasting works on the Virgin Mary. Madonna of Winter and Spring (BBC SO); Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (BBC Singers; Margaret Philips, organ); Lullaby for the unsleeping (Mary King, mezzo, Andrew Ball, piano)
10.10 Midweek Choice, presented by Susan Sharpe. Mozart (Keyboard Concerto No 1 in D, K107); Purcell (It is a Good Thing to Give Thanks); Bruch (Adagio on Celtic Themes); Dusek (Rondo, Les Adieux: Chansonette; Rondeau à la Turque, 12 Etudes mélodiques); Jacob (Five Pieces for harmonica and strings); Field (Piano Concerto No 7 in C minor); Delius (Song of Summer)
12.00 Poet and Purist: Jonathan Swain traces the development of the symphony and symphonic poem. Balakirev (Symphonic poem: Tamara); Borodin (Symphony No 2 in B minor) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from Broadcasting House, London. Skampa Quartet performs Beethoven (String Quartet in G Op 18 No 2); Smetana (String Quartet No 2 in D minor)
2.00 Record Review: Building a Library (r)
3.30 The Sylvan Winds perform Emile Bernard (Divertissement for double wind quintet)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Hereford Cathedral
5.00 In Tune, presented by David Owen Norris
7.30 Aldeburgh Festival '93: Peter Serkin, piano, plays Peter Lieberson (Breeze of Delight); Knussen (Variations, Op 24); Henze (Piece for Peter); Takemitsu (Rain Tree Sketch I; Rain Tree Sketch II, In memoriam Olivier Messiaen); Goehr (... in real time I, Op 50); Bach (Goldberg Variations)
9.15 Three Cruel Tales: Out on the River, by Guy de Maupassant. Read by Ian Holm (r)
9.35 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Robert Ziegler performs Mascagni (Rapsodia Satanica)
10.20 Stockhausen and Schütz: Schütz (Domine, labia mea aperies; Buccinate in neomenia tuba; Jubilate Deo: Members of Dresdener Kreuzchor, Capella Fidicinia under Hans Grüss); Stockhausen (Gesang der Jünglinge for tape)
10.45 Night Waves: Valentine Cunningham talks to Russell Davies about the revelations contained in the diaries of the late Kenneth Williams; and there is a live performance by the violinist Tasmin Little
11.30 Guildhall String Ensemble under Robert Salter performs Handel (Concerto grosso in D, Op 6 No 5); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in B flat, Wq182 No 2); John Woolrich (It is Midnight, Dr Schweitzer); Stravinsky (Concerto in D) (r)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves and Brian Hayes
10.00-10.30 This Island Now (FM only): Ray Gosling investigates the allegiance of thousands of Britons to the Caravan Club
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Exodus. David Kossoff reads the final part (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets the Chilean novelist Isabel Allende. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Ulster New Zealand Trust in Glenavy, Country Antrim, put their questions to the experts (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The False Inspector Dew: Last of a five-part dramatisation of Peter Lovesey's novel. With Ronald Pickup, Fiona Fullerton and Oona Beeson **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Safe in Our Hands: See Choice
2.47 Smashing Pots: Nigel Barley shares his passion for African pots (r)
3.00 News; File on 4: Can South Africa's police force be persuaded to back the country's moves towards multi-party democracy? Tom Carver investigates (r)
3.42 The Parts: Alun Lewis visits Europe's largest fair for inventors
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the week's films releases, including John Landis's *Innocent Blood* and Sylvester Stallone in *Cliffhanger*; and visits the V & A Museum for an exhibition of decadent images of the late 19th century
4.45 Short Story: The Right Set, by Nigel Williams. Nigel Anthony reads the final part
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1993: Round One — The West of England. With Robert Robinson (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates
7.45 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts looks at the British Medical Association's report on complementary medicine (r)
8.15 Baby Farming and Baby Murder: See Choice
8.45 The Reith Lectures: Representations of the Intellectual. Edward Said, professor at Columbia University, examines how intellectuals have been defined and what their role should be in the modern world
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Witchbroom. Written and read by Lawrence Scott (final part)
11.00 In the Company Archives: Nigel Farrell investigates Britain's corporate past (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

Baby Farming and Baby Murder. *Radio 4, 8.15pm.*
The unanswered, and probably unanswerable, question with which Stanley Williamson concludes his enquiry into baby abuse in the last century is: what is it about children that brings out the worst in some people? Non-judgementally, Williamson sticks to the recorded facts about what led to the passing in 1892 of the first piece of legislation concerned with the welfare of children in Britain — the Act for the Better Preservation of Infant Life. The catalogue of brutality and murder revealed tonight is beyond belief.

Safe in Our Hands. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
Colin Douglas has adapted for radio his novel about four decades in the life of the National Health Service. It now has a new title, with a 1990s resonance. As a microcosm of the national ebb and flow of the health service's fortunes, Douglas opts for a local institution, an Edinburgh hospital. This makes good dramatic sense. It means the scenery does not have to be moved around. Also, we can concentrate on the characters — two generations of doctors who are not presented as either saints or sinners.
Peter Davalle

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** The Steve Edwards Soul Show **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **5.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Womantalk: Pat Shaw and Julie Matthews **8.30** Gerry Anderson's Ireland: Dublin **9.00** Norma Waterson's Gypsy Music **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Topic Resources 7-9; **9.15** Dance Workshop; **9.35** Verse Universe; **9.45** Time and Tune; **10.05** Drama Workshop **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Wimbledon '93 **7.15** The Storyteller's Tale: The Moon Lady, by Amy Tan. Read by Pui Fan Lee **7.30** Roger Taylor's Tennis Night **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Development '93 **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Pop the Question **9.30** My Music **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Country Style **10.30** From Age to Age **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Omnibus **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** New Ideas **1.35** Hallowed Ground **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Lucky Jim **3.45** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Assignment **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Sports International **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** From Our Own Correspondent **12.30** Multitrack 2 **1.00** News **1.30** Stories in Verse **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Waveguide **2.40** Book Choice **2.45** The Farming World **3.00** News **3.30** Sports International **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Haydn (Cello Concerto No 2) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Book Browse with John Russell **8.00** *Evening Concert*: Richard Hickox conducts Vivaldi (Gloria); Elgar (Caractacus — excerpt) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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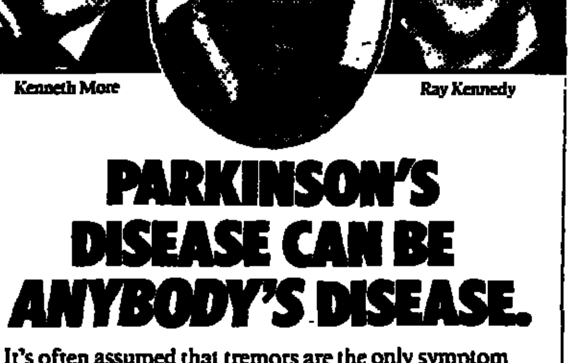
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Scot ranked 485th in the world has day to remember at Wimbledon

Inspired Maclagan leads way

By Stuart Jones, tennis correspondent

MILES Maclagan and Chris Bailey have contributed to a feat as rare as it is welcome. In winning their matches yesterday, they lifted the British contingent in the second round of the men's singles at Wimbledon to five. The country has not seen anything like it for 16 years.

Those were the days when Britain was a respected power in the world of tennis, when the Davis Cup was within reach. In 1978 they reached the final with the likes of Mark Cox, David and John Lloyd, Christopher Mottram and Jonathan Smith, the quintet who the previous year had advanced beyond the first round here.

The national standard has since slumped and reached it lowest level with the Davis Cup defeat in Hungary last month, a humiliation which provoked talks of a crisis. Yet amid the darkness a candle has been lit. Bailey, Britain's No 3, beat Patrick McEnroe in straight sets and Maclagan, the No 14, overcame Karsten Braasch in five sets.

Of the two British victories, Maclagan's was appreciably the more unexpected. He was born in Zambia, spent almost all of his childhood in Zimbabwe, represents the West of Scotland and lives in Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire. A cosmopolitan character, regarded as something of a maverick, he had his tennis roots planted at Bisham Abbey in 1988.

Enrolled in the Lawn Tennis Association's school in the month of his fourteenth birthday, he was within two years the under-16 national champion and went on to reach the quarter-final of the global event, the Orange Bowl, in Miami.

A star was apparently rising in a largely empty firmament.

It has since shone at Wimbledon. Last year he featured in the semi-final of the junior tournament, the first British representative to do so since Tony Lloyd in 1974. The achievement marked the end of a period of depression when he lost direction. "I spent some time on my own and worked things out."

With the recent assistance of a former Welsh international, Leighton Alfred, he has progressed rapidly on the satellite circuits of Britain and especially in the United States. His success since the beginning of the year has propelled him almost 200 places up the world rankings to his present position, 485th.

He came down to earth, though, during his preparations back at home on grass. He was knocked out in his first matches at Beckenham, Queen's and Manchester. Yet the famous, ivy-clad facade of the All England club stimulated him as much as it had Chris Wilkinson, Mark Petchey and Andrew Foster on the opening day.

"It brings out the best in people because it is such a great place," he said. "The aura surrounding it makes you play so well." It took him almost three hours out on court ten to subdue the German, who is ranked 390 places above him on the computer.

He foresees no reason why he should not pull off an even more notable victory in the next round. He meets Christo van Rensburg, who profited from the premature retirement of Carl-Uwe Steeb. "I've never met him before," Maclagan said. "It won't be easy but I won't let it be easy for him either." Michael Stich, the sixth seed, probably awaits the winner.

Ross Matheson could have been thrust more immediately into an even more dazzling spotlight. The British No 11 kept shouting "discipline" to himself but he could not obey his own commands. Inconsistency was the cause of his defeat against Joao Cunha-Silva. Had he won, he would now be preparing to take on the defending champion, Andre Agassi.

The attention was captured instead by Jamie Morgan, Amos Mansdorf and Ronald Aginor. They won the right to play Pete Sampras, Stefan Edberg and Jim Courier, the top, second and third seeds, respectively. Morgan, who was four times on the point of beating Stich in the semi-final at Queen's, will be the most optimistic of the underdogs.

Sampras showed not a sign of the shoulder injury which prompted him to request, and be granted, a late start. He dropped only one point in his opening three service games against Neil Borwick but, in the ensuing tie-break, he missed three opportunities to avoid the anxiety of yielding the opening set.

Sampras said the inflamed tendon in his right shoulder felt fine, only two days after he was doubting he would be able to compete. "Under the circumstances, I thought I played pretty well," he said.

Boris Becker was in the same uncomfortable position in a battle billed as "Boom Boom", against "Baby Boom Boom" as his younger compatriot, Marc Goellner, is known. Both the centre and number one courts were reverberating with the sound of heavy artillery at the same time.

For an hour or so in mid-afternoon, it appeared as though the big guns might be belittled but Sampras and Becker, as though united in their response, started to let fly with the more penetrating ammunition. Both won the next three sets.

Goran Ivanisevic, the fifth seed, was not so convincing. He teetered on the edge of elimination, winning the tie-break in the fourth set 7-5 and saving four break points at 4-4 in the final set against Jonathan Stark. Eventually, the Croatian, who was warned for bad language, survived and the unsettling experience could spark a genuine boosting of his morale which was damaged when his close friend was killed in a car crash.

Thomas Muster was incapable of mounting such a resistance. A sixteenth seed, in Edberg's section of the draw, went down in straight sets to an opponent more comfortable on grass, Olivier Delaitre. The last time the two met, Muster conceded only one game. That, though, was on clay.

Mary Pierce was the lone women's seed to fall but the 18-year-old with the notoriously troublesome father was not beaten in the grounds from which he has been banned from entering. She was knocked out by influenza.

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IAN STEWART

Victory bound: Maclagan lobs during his five-set match with Braasch, of Germany, yesterday

'It is hard to feel sorry for a globally adored millionaire but all is not well with Steffi Graf'

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Wood: impressive

Britain's run continues as five men reach second round

By Alix Ramsay

THERE is a wave of confidence rising in the ranks of the British players at Wimbledon. It is not about to drown anyone, but it is causing some of the higher-ranked players to batten down the hatches if they are going to beat the home grown talent. After yesterday's good show, Britain has five men in the second round; the best position since 1977.

Yesterday, 11 Britons were on show scattered around the All-England Club and it was the new names, Miles Maclagan among them, who were stealing the limelight. While Jeremy Bates and Jo Durie hurried out of the tournament, Chris Bailey put a famous name to rest on court three, defeating Patrick McEnroe 7-5, 7-5, 7-5.

It has been a good grass court season for Bailey. After a serious knee operation two years ago, he has climbed back, reaching the final at Beckenham three weeks ago and beating MaliVai Washington, the No 14 seed here, in Manchester.

The match had a feeling of *déjà vu* as McEnroe engaged in less than civil conversation with the umpire, complaining about line calls and smashing his racket to the ground. You could almost hear the echo of his brother's infamous cry: "You cannot be serious".

Looking more like Bjorn Borg than McEnroe senior, with long blond hair and a head band, he failed to play like either as he faced the 6ft 5in giant from Norwich.

Conceding 173 world ranking places to McEnroe, Bailey belied his lowly 263 position, firing down fierce services from on high and proving he has the taste for a fight. At 2-5 down in the third set, he battled back to level the score, break the angry McEnroe and serve out for the match.

Shirli-Ann Siddall has had a tough few weeks, falling to Martina Navratilova at Beckenham, Mary Joe Fernandez at Eastbourne and to Jennifer Capriati yesterday.

When she first heard the draw for the championships, the response from the British No 6 was unrepeatable. But with pause to think about playing the seventh seed, she came to the conclusion that it was an experience to be remembered. Certainly Capriati will remember Siddall.

Capriati, at 17, is almost a veteran of the circuit. This is her fourth Wimbledon and she has, in her young past, reached the semi-finals — in 1991. But she is prone to lapses of concentration and yesterday Siddall took advantage of her slow start to take the first set 7-5 before losing the next two, 6-2, 6-1.

It is only Siddall's first year on the senior circuit and so far she has gone out in the first round in seven tournaments, but yesterday she had three chances to defeat Capriati in the first set, missing each one. "There were some stupid shots I tried to play, but she's very good and puts you under pressure," she said.

Those "stupid" shots have often proved the 19-year-old's downfall.

Navratilova rated her as quick with good shots but with a tendency to be wild. When it counted yesterday, the wild streak won while Capriati, two years her junior and $1 million richer, thumped winner after winner from the baseline to come through more or less unscathed.

Clare Wood had her passage to the second round eased when her opponent, Kimiko Date, pulled out with a knee injury. In her place came Marketa Kochta, of Germany, who lasted just 51 minutes against the British No 4, who won 6-1, 6-1. It was an impressive scoreline but not quite as impressive as her next opponent, Steffi Graf, who won 6-0, 6-0.

Monique Javer finally broke her duck at Wimbledon, beating the veteran Andrea Temesvari 6-2, 6-2 for her first victory in six appearances at the championships.

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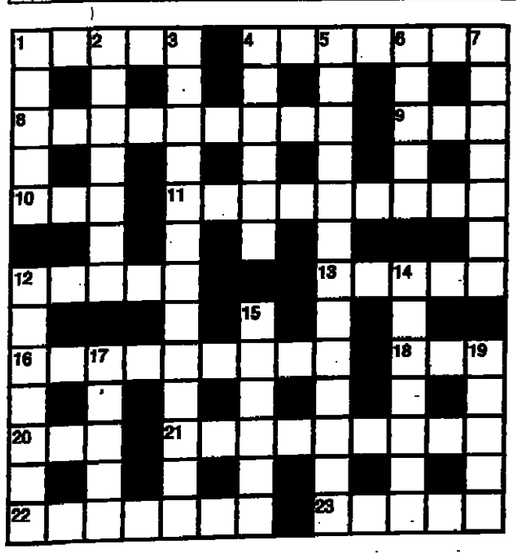

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16 Predominant (9)
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20 Faucet (3)
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22 Fox name (7)
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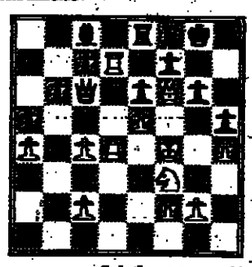

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BASSARID
a. A bacchante
b. An Alpine flower
c. A toe-drum

IZZAT
a. A cricketing appeal
b. Honour
c. A card game

FREMESCENCE
a. An incipient roaring
b. Bad temper
c. The strait of a peninsula

TEMPS
a. Ballet movements
b. Pre-menstrual tension
c. Territorial soldiers

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